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Whelden: Initial statements on DEIS 'too broad'

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The initial statements presented by a third party consultant on a draft environmental impact statement on proposed military activities are "too broad," an official of the U.S. military said.

"The statements I have seen they've made in recent days, are a little too broad for me to comment on, because I don't know exactly what they mean when they say that the legality of it (draft EIS) is inadequate, or alternatives have not been considered, or we (military) have not engaged enough with the CNMI public," Craig Whelden, executive director of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific, said.

Whelden was referring to Dentons US LLC, which was recently hired to conduct a third party review of the impact documents.

Dentons presented its initial review of the documents and described the said documents as "inadequate" from a legal standpoint.

"Those are things that I've asked to be more specific. If you think we're not in compliance with NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) law, tell us what exactly what we're not

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JOEL PINAROC

Gov. Eloy S. Inos met with Lt. Gen. Anthony Crutchfield, the deputy commander of the U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii, on Wednesday on Capital Hill to discuss proposed military activities on the CNMI.

Inos to decide on Fitial's fate this week

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As far as he is concerned, Gov. Eloy S. Inos has three options on the case of convicted former governor Benigno R. Fitial.

Inos said the CNMI Constitution allows him to pardon, commute the sentence, or give a reprieve to Fitial.

"That is the range of actions that I can look at," he said.

On June 25, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman imposed a one-year prison sentence on the 69-year-old Fitial, who was convicted of misconduct in public office and conspiracy to commit theft of services.

Fitial was ordered last week to start serving his one-year prison term on or before July 6.

But on Tuesday, the Board of Parole unanimously voted to support a commutation of sentence that was imposed on Fitial. The board also unanimously voted to object the granting of absolute pardon for the former official.

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Tropical Storm Chan-hom being monitored

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A circulation being monitored in the Western Pacific developed into a tropical storm yesterday and was given the name Chan-Hom.

According to the bulletin released by the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management at 7pm yesterday, the storm's center was located at 720 miles east-southeast of Saipan.

Chan-hom was moving westward at 12 miles per hour and is expected to continue westward through today while increasing forward speed.

Maximum sustained winds were at 45 miles per hour but the storm is expected to slowly intensify over the next several days.

As of press time, no watches and warnings were in effect for the Marianas.

According to the HSEM, they will be monitoring the storm and will be issuing bulletins as they become available.

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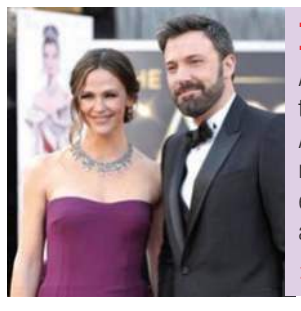

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Yaroitemal is 2015 Liberation Queen

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Zolenska Yaroitemal was crowned as the 2015 Liberation Queen after outselling four other candidates for the most number of tickets.

Yaroitemal was crowned last night at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. With tears of joy she accepted the crown and said that it was all because of her family.

Yaroitemal, representing the Northern Islands for the first time in Liberation Day Royal Court history, is a waitress at Laolao Bay Golf Resort. She joined the competition for experience and to help the community.

JAYSON CAMACHO
From left, 2015 Liberation Day Princess Mary Jane Anon, 2016 Liberation Day FirstPrincess Ashley Tabilisma, 2015 Liberation Day Royal Queen Zolenska Yaroitemal, 2015 Liberation Day Royal Orincess Stephanie Camacho, and 2015 Liberation Day Princess Elizabeth Basa.

Her parents are Pius and Gina Yaroitemal of Kagman. Zolenska plans to continue her studies at the Northern Marianas College with a degree in criminal justice.

The rest of the 2015 Royal Court are Stephanie Camacho, who is the 2015 Royal Princess; Ashley Tabilisma, who is the 2015 First Princess; Elizabeth Basa, who is the 2015 Liberation Day Princess; and Mary Jane Anon who, is the 2015 Liberation Day Princess as well.

Pressel Camacho, 2014 Liberation Queen, said that she was happy to serve the CNMI, but was disappointed as well in the process.

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Former hospital services director sues CHCC over alleged unpaid wages, benefits, expenses

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Former Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. hospital services director Karen Audrey Buettner is suing CHCC for allegedly refusing to pay her $9,803.91 in unpaid wages and benefits plus unreimbursed work-related expenses.

Buettner, through counsel Samuel I. Mok, asked the Superior Court to hold CHCC liable for breach of contract and unjust enrichment.

Buettner also demanded payment for court costs and attorney's fees. She requested a jury trial.

Buettner served as the director at CHCC's hospital services from Nov. 22, 2011 to June 11, 2013 pursuant to a written employment contract.

On June 11, 2013, CHCC chief executive officer Esther L. Muna sent a letter to Buettner, terminating her without cause from her position.

According to Mok in the complaint, Muna's letter stated that Buettner had accrued 27 days of unused annual leave along with three additional days of severance pay for a total of 30 paid working days.

Mok said his client received payment from CHCC for 26 days of unused annual leave resulting in a balance of one day of annual leave that has not yet been paid.

Mok said in addition, plaintiff has not yet received the three days of severance pay promised in the termination letter.

The lawyer said since Buettner received notice of termination letter on June 11, 2013, pursuant to the employment contract that means her employment did not officially end until July 11, 2013.

Mok said Buettner is therefore owed regular wages from June 11 to July 11, 2013, which amounts to 22 working days or 176 hours.

Mok said Buettner is also owed the annual leave she accrued during the 30-day notice period in the amount of two days as well as the annual leave she accrued for the unused annual leave itself, which amounts to two more days, or for a total of four additional annual leave days or 32 hours.

The lawyer said Buettner is also owed $573.51 for unreimbursed expenses she incurred during her employment that she advanced out of her own pocket as well as hotel and parking expenses she paid while attending an off-island Medicare/Medicaid conference in San Francisco.

To date, Mok said, CHCC has refused to pay in full the amount due and owing to Buettner despite due demand.

Frink joins Tinian Dynasty as counsel in criminal case

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Former CNMI Bar Association president Sean E. Frink will also now serve as counsel for the owner of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino in its criminal case.

Frink, of Marianas Legal Strategy Group LLC, filed yesterday in federal court a notice of his appearance as counsel for Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investment Ltd.

Frink requested the U.S. District Court for the NMI that all notice of hearings, motions, and any other pleadings filed in this case continue to be served upon HKE through the law office of Bruce Berline.

Berline is the original counsel for HKE. HKE also hired Patrick J. Smith, a former federal prosecutor in the CNMI, to assist Berline in the case.

The jury trial supposed to commence on Tuesday, but it was taken off calendar.

Berline refused to comment why the trial did not push through.

A check with court records, however, indicated that some documents were filed under seal recently in this case.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, commonly known as FinCEN, also recently assessed a civil penalty in the amount of $75 million against HKE for "willful and egregious violations of the Bank Secrecy Act.

FinCEN Director Jennifer Shasky Calvery determined, among other things, that Tinian Dynasty failed to file thousands of currency transaction reports (CTRs) and failed to develop and implement an anti-money laundering program to ensure ongoing compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act.

The U.S. government filed in November last year 158 criminal charges against HKE.

The charges are one count of conspiracy to cause a financial institution to fail to file a CTR, 155 counts of failure to file a CTR, one count of failure to file a suspicious activity report, and one count of failure to maintain an effective anti-money laundering program. The indictment has also a notice of forfeiture.

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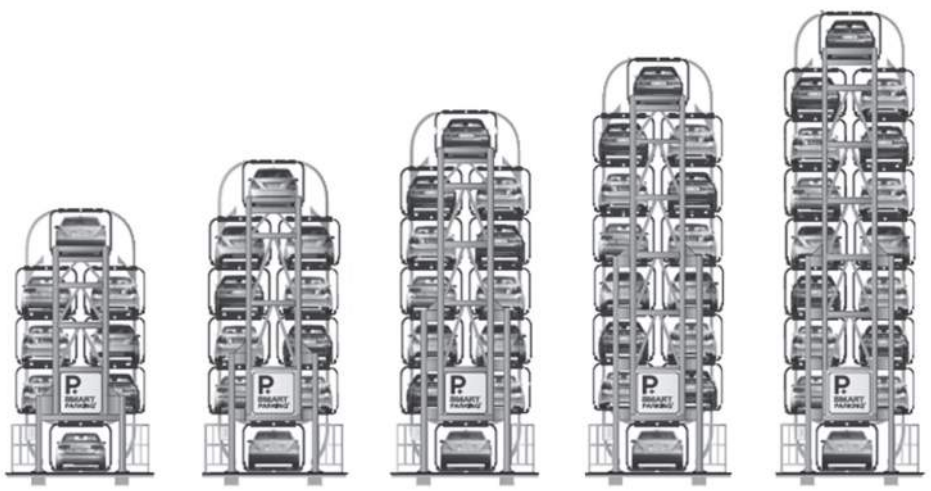

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Rotary Club installs new officers, directors

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Past president Richard Cody passes on the Rotary Club of Saipan's gavel to newly installed club president Curtis Dancoe during a ceremony at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan Tuesday night.

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The Rotary Club of Saipan has a new set of officers and directors.

Sworn in at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan Tuesday night, Curtis Dancoe is now the club president

"Congratulations to all the officers and directors. There is not much more that I can do as a leader for this club that's not already been done," Dancoe said.

Brian Clayton will now serve as vice president, Marcia Ayuyu as secretary, Thomas Thornburg as treasurer, and Wayne Gillespie as sergeant-at-arms.

President-elect Ivan Ilnov wasn't able to attend the induction.

Directors for the new year are Elitza Stoilova for club services, Larry Philip for community services, Wendell Posadas for vocational services, Richard Cody for international services, Sapuro Rayphand for new generations, and Ben Babauta for foundation.

Norbert Sablan was also sworn in as assistant district governor of Rotary Club Saipan.

Productive year

In his outgoing speech, now past president Cody thanked all those who served with him during the past year.

He also gave star awards to Sonya Dancoe and Ayuyu for serving beyond their call of duty with regards to the Kagman Family Park project and providing significant contributions to the club.

"A year ago, the last sentence of my induction speech stated: as members of the Rotary Club of Saipan, let us do our part for light up Rotary for 2014-2015," Cody said.

"It has been a good and productive year for Rotary Club of Saipan and I think we have met and exceeded the expectations for our club, and for that, I thank each and every one of you," Dancoe said.

'Be a gift to the world'

"I like to raise a toast to our past president Richard Cody for successfully 'lighting up' Rotary for a year. A candle, sir, you lit a year ago will forever shine on the Rotary Club of Saipan, thank you," Dancoe said in his speech.

Dancoe presented the Rotary Club's new theme for their new year which is "Be a gift to the world."

"I look forward to being a gift to the world for 2015 to 2016," he said, also reminding members of what Rotary Club truly means.

New member

Kevin McCale of Docomo Pacific was inducted as the newest member of the club.

"I'm very happy to be here. I'm glad that I was accepted and I will fulfill this responsibility as best as I can," he said.

With the addition of McCale, the Rotary Club now has 41 members.

Aside from Rotarians, members of Rotaract and Interact Clubs were also present in the ceremony.

QUEEN

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Camacho, in her remarks, said that after she had the opportunity to go to Japan last September, for the remaining months as the 2014 Liberation Queen she was left out on all the events she was lined up for.

The 2015 Liberation Royal Court raised at total of $31,000.

Those who purchase a ticket will have a chance to win the $10,000 grand prize, $5,000 baby grand prize, $3,000 first place, and $1,000, $500, $250, $100 in other cash prizes.

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Red Cross urges CNMI to prepare for latest storm

This Sunday, July 5, Tropical Storm Chan-Hom (09W) is projected to pass through the Marianas.

The Northern Mariana Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross would like to remind all CNMI residents to take steps now to prepare for possible high winds and heavy rain.

Storms can cause significant amounts of damage to life and property. You should be ready for disasters by preparing in advance and creating a family disaster plan. Knowing what to do before, during and after a disaster is your best protection during a storm.

Keep enough disaster supplies in your home to meet your family needs for at least three days. Disaster supplies should include: drinking water, food, flashlight, first aid kit, medications, battery operated radio, tools, clothing, personal items, sanitary supplies, money and contact information.

As with any disaster, preparation can be the difference between life and death. The Red Cross recommends that individuals and families prepare for severe weather by:

■ **Staying informed of the latest storm updates:** Listen to Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office Weather Briefs at http://www.cnmihsem.gov.mp/ or by phone at (670) 237-8000 or dial 211. Additional weather updates are also available at The National Weather Service website at http://www.prh.noaa.gov/pr/guam/ or The Joint Typhoon Warning Center website at http://www.usno.navy.mil/JTWC/.

■ **Making a Home Disaster Plan:** Pick a safe place in your home for household members to gather during a storm. This should be away from windows and glass doors that could be broken by strong winds. Protect your animals by ensuring that any outside buildings that house them are protected in the same way as your home.

■ **Creating an Emergency Preparedness Kit:** Pack a first aid kit and a seven-day supply of essential medications, foods that don't require cooking or refrigeration and manual can opener, bottled water, flashlights and a battery-powered radio with extra batteries, copies of important documents like your insurance policies, cell phone chargers, family and emergency contact information, maps of the area and other emergency items for the whole family.

■ **Preparing for High Winds:** Secure picnic tables and other outdoor furniture, trash cans, hanging plants and anything else that can be picked up by wind.

For more information on what to do before, during and after severe weather, please contact the Northern Mariana Islands Chapter office at (670) 234-3459. ***(NMI American Red Cross)***

Teamwork restores historic temple gate

MVA

After being knocked to pieces by a wayward driver in January 2015, the pre-WWII gate post in Garapan near Fiesta Resort & Spa marking the entrance to Nan'yo'-ji (South Sea Buddhist Temple) has been restored.

MVA

Shunsuke Iou, priest of Jyodo Assembly, performs a dedication ceremony on June 13, 2015, at the restored pre- WWII gate post in Garapan near Fiesta Resort & Spa marking the entrance to Nan'yo'-ji (South Sea Buddhist Temple).

The combined effort of several organizations has restored a historic Japanese temple gate in Saipan that was severely damaged earlier this year.

The pre-war gate post in Garapan near Fiesta Resort & Spa marked the entrance to Nan'yo'-ji (South Sea Buddhist Temple) and was the sole remnant of the temple and the adjoining Saipan Domestic Science Girls School and subsequent Girls High School during the Japanese administration of the islands. The gate was broken into pieces when struck by a vehicle in Jan. 6, 2015.

Initially thought destroyed, the crumbled gate was later determined to be repairable. President Willie Matsumoto of Saipan-based company Pacific Eagle led the initial charge to raise the repair price, including financial support from Kokyu Kumehara of the Jyodo Assembly and the wayward driver. The CNMI Historic Preservation Office oversaw the restoration. Following the completion of the restoration, a rededication ceremony was performed on June 13.

"The Gate Post was considered eligible for inclusion in the U.S. National Register of Historic Places based upon its historical importance," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio. "We thank all the partners that have lent a hand in restoring this important landmark." ***(MVA)***

STORM

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Rain on the parade?

While it is too early to be fully certain of the storm's path, yesterday's 7pm forecast track of the National Weather Service in Guam forecasts Chan-Hom to be nearest Guam-CNMI area on Saturday in time for Liberation Day.

As of late Wednesday, the parade will still continue as scheduled, according to special assistant to the Saipan Mayor's Office Henry Hofschneider.

However, he added that the 2015 Liberation Day committee along with the Skywalker Communications Group will be meeting with the HSEM today to discuss and decide if the celebration should be postponed.

Early preparations

As early as now, the Northern Mariana Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross already urges CNMI residents to prepare for the latest storm.

"Storms can cause significant amounts of damage to life and property," their statement said.

"As with any disaster, preparation can be the difference between life and death," it added.

Red Cross recommended the public to prepare by staying informed of the latest storm updates, making a home disaster plan, creating an emergency preparedness kit, and preparing for high winds.

"Keep enough disaster supplies in your home to meet your family needs for at least three days. Disaster supplies should include drinking water, food, flashlight, first aid kit, medications, battery operated radio, tools, clothing, personal items, sanitary supplies, money, and contact information," it added. ***(with reports from Jayson Camacho)***

INOS

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The board, in an earlier *Saipan Tribune* report, said it decided to conduct the hearing after Inos requested last June 22—or two days before the sentencing—for a consultation on whether or not grant a pardon to Fitial

Inos confirmed sending the letter seeking recommendation, but said he is not entirely sure whether it was sent "two days before" or "two days after" the sentencing.

"But it's all really about consultations," Inos said.

He said that he plans to make a decision before he takes a three-week vacation in Seattle to meet with family members in the U.S.

After being asked if he will follow the Board of Parole's recommendations, Inos said, "I can follow it. But I'm not required to."

"I will look at the options, and came up with the recommendations. The ball is in my court now," he said, adding that a decision will be made "by the weekend."

Inos declined to comment when asked if he will grant a pardon for Fitial.

Inos also clarified that he was not approached by the camp of Fitial before the sentencing. However, he said Fitial "submitted an application for pardon." Inos said this is the reason he sent a letter of intent to the board.

In a statement, Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres commended the Board of Parole.

"We are currently in a very important process that is guided by the Constitution and laws of the CNMI. I commend the Board of Parole and all those who attended the public hearing for their diligence in ensuring the voice of the public contributes to any decision made," Torres said.

"Now, as the board has issued their recommendation, the authority over this decision rests with the governor under the Constitution."

WHELDEN

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in compliance with," Whelden said, commenting on Dentons' initial findings.

Whelden also contested one major concern of Dentons, which earlier said the military also did not examine enough alternatives.

"One example (that Dentons cited) was 'we (the military) did not examine enough alternatives.' But if they check Page 4 (of the draft EIS) of the executive summary, it tells you of three years' worth of study done that brought us the CNMI," Whelden said.

The official said he is "not sure exactly how they came to the conclusion that we did not look at all the alternatives."

"I need to hear from the Dentons group more directly, more specifically so we can address their questions," Whelden said.

Whelden also said he is aware of the planned public hearings on the draft EIS that Dentons and CNMI departments will conduct and that the military will be in attendance.

Aside from the public hearings, Whelden said the military is also open to meet with Dentons.

"We have said all along before they were hired that we are open to meeting with Dentons and answer any questions that they may have. To date, nobody from Dentons contacted us, but the invitation is open," Whelden said. "If they have questions a out our documents that they are unsure of, they can contact us and we'll be happy to answer them."

Public comments

Whelden said the good news on the hiring of the consulting firm is that the military will now have more comments on the draft EIS.

He said the military will welcome comments not just not just from the public but from technical advisors as well, referring to Dentons.

He stressed that there are over a thousand comments on the draft EIS and that "we will assess and address each and every one of them, before we get to a final EIS now scheduled for release late summer in 2016."

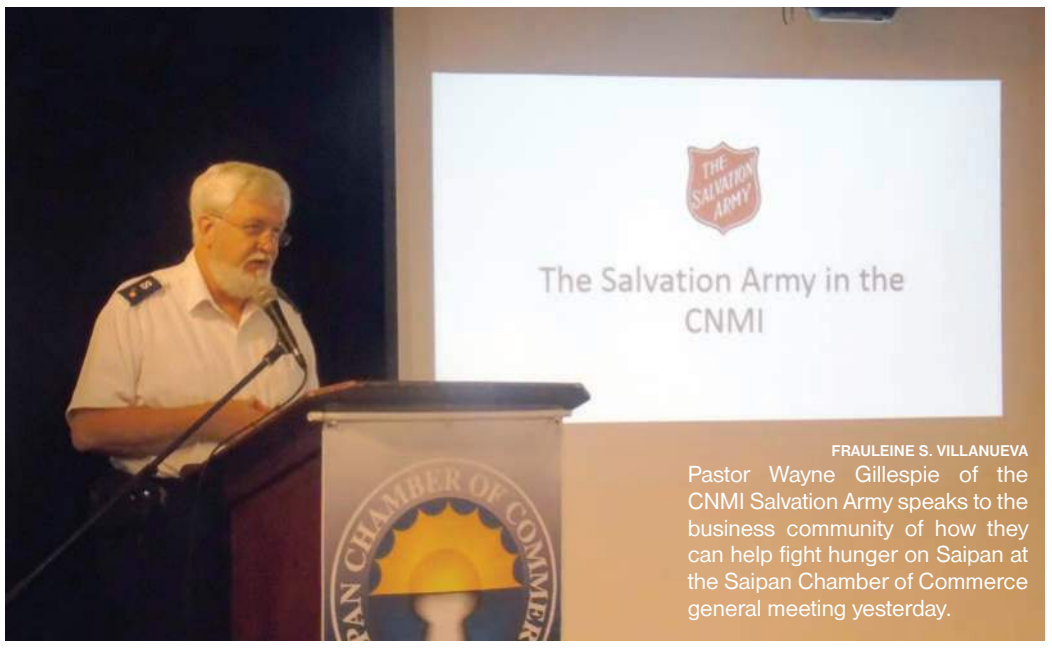
Tinian visit

High-ranking U.S. military officials met with Gov. Eloy S. Inos on Tuesday to discuss the draft EIS.

Lt. Gen. Anthony Crutchfield, the deputy commander of the U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii; and Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander, Joint Region Marianas and U.S. Pacific Command's Defense Representative for CNMI, were at the meeting along with Whelden.

Crutchfield said he will fly to Tinian after meeting to talk with representatives of Tinian. He said efforts to be on the ground will always be important, which is why he making the trip.

Chamber welcomes Hawaiian Rock, BSI as newest members



FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA
Pastor Wayne Gillespie of the CNMI Salvation Army speaks to the business community of how they can help fight hunger on Saipan at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce general meeting yesterday.

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce welcomed two new members at their general monthly meeting at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan yesterday.

Chamber president Alex Sablan introduced Hawaiian Rock Products and Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, which is doing business on Saipan as Best Sunshine International, Ltd. as their newest members.

Hawaiian Rock, which has been in the island since 1988, enumerated to the business community their products and services.

BSI, on the other hand, assured the business community that they will be "opening soon" and that it will be "spectacular."

"What I can tell you is, our pictures will show you, it will be spectacular. It will be absolutely spectacular," BSI chief operating officer Matthew Harkness said.

"It's a lot of good things that I believe the company I work for is going to be adding to this island," he added.

Harkness added that they look forward to be part of the business community.

"It's a wonderful place to be. It's also looking to be a wonderful place to do business," Harkness said, "I think we will prove to be very good business partners with you guys as well."

Planning for BSI

In the Chamber's newsletter, Sablan reiterated their call for the government to "realistically examine" BSI's investment in the CNMI.

"In building permit stage today at BECQ there are 1,128 rooms that we know of coming online in the next year and a half, added to our current 2,976 rooms on Saipan. Best Sunshine's 4,000 rooms and another 1,200 planned in the pipeline is where the CNMI government has derived potentially 9,200 rooms for Saipan alone. This does not count the current permit process of Alter City of 2,500 rooms and 452 rooms that exist on Tinian already," the newsletter said.

Sablan noted that at the hotel labor requirement of 0.72 employees per room, a need of 6,624 employees will be needed, on top of 3,200 casino employees, for the 9,200 rooms.

He also noted the tourism need that will come out of the developments.

"So the question is: where are we getting the near 1.5 million visitors we'll need to fill 9,200 rooms at 80 percent occupancy based on an average stay of 3.5 days per tourist?" Sablan asked.

"All we're asking is to examine this carefully and try and achieve answers so we don't build a glut of unnecessary rooms but have a successful integrated resort development that has tourists and activities year round for all of us to enjoy," he added.

Reaching out

One of the guest speakers at the event was Pastor Wayne Gillespie, ministry leader of the CNMI Salvation Army.

Gillespie reached out to the business leaders, telling them of ways they can be partners in helping the community.

One way is for companies to contribute to the organization $2,500 annually.

"It costs us about $50,000 and $100,000 a year to run the soup kitchen," Gillespie said.

"We're hoping that a number of companies will step up and partner with us," he added.

Another way is to open up payroll deductions for employees who want to voluntarily donate to the Salvation Army. Amount of the donation will be entirely up to those who want to give.

"We will be more than happy to meet with you and your payroll department and iron those issues out. For most of the payroll departments, they tell me that all it is is adding a column to the Excel spreadsheet that you use to do your payroll," Gillespie said.

Aside from soup kitchens, the Salvation Army also provides food assistance and help out during times of emergency and typhoons. They also hold toy drive on Christmas. This year, their theme is FAB! which means "Fill a Bowl" and calls on the community to help fight hunger on the island.

Parents of HS graduates invited to NMC summit

The Northern Marianas College is inviting parents of recent high school graduates from CNMI public and private high schools to the NMC Parent Summit, which will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2015, from 8:30am to 1:30pm at the Saipan World Resort.

The aim of the Parent Summit is to provide parents with practical information and resources they need to help their graduates prepare for and succeed in college. Topics of the summit include: "the value of a college education;" "paying for college;" "how to be a supportive parent;" and more.

There is no fee to attend the summit.

According to Leo Pangelinan, dean of Student Services, attendance at the Parent Summits is a great way for parents to learn how to become meaningfully involved in their children's pursuit of higher education.

"Participants will also gain strategies for how to provide encouragement, particularly about academic issues related to their college-going children," Pangelinan added. "There will also be discussions about many resources that are available for college students."

All parents or guardians of recent graduates from either public or private high schools are welcome to attend. Participants will be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Lunch will be served, seats are limited and we ask that interested individuals who may need special accommodations contact the Office of Admissions and Records.

The Parent Summit is supported by the Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service and College Access Challenge Grant program. For more information about the summit please visit www.marianas.edu or contact the NMC Office of Admissions and Records at 234-5498 ext. 6768 or 6770. ***(NMC)***

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House committee adopts draft govt budget

By JOEL PINAROC
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REPORTER

The House Committee on Ways and Means adopted a draft government budget for fiscal year 2016.

According to Rep. Antonio P. Sablan (Ind-Saipan), the draft budget is "almost the same" as the $145.8-million budget proposal coming from Gov. Eloy. S. Inos.

» Speaker to call House session next week

But Sablan declined to give the specific amount saying that the actual draft budget approved by the committee will be presented during a House session.

"We just passed the draft budget. It will be presented to the whole body and if approved, will be transmitted to the Senate," Sablan said.

He said House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) is set to call for a House session next week to approve the draft bill.

Sablan

Deleon Guerrero earlier said that after the deliberations, the committee head will then file an Appropriations Act, or the "budget bill" for submission and review.

The House Committee on Ways and Means in the last few weeks has been conducting budget deliberations for the government departments in the CNMI.

Sablan said as expected, most of the agencies wanted more than what was proposed.

During the deliberations, committee members looked at the personnel requirements of the various departments, as well as possible sources of budget allocations on the balance sheets.

Just like the budget hearings, some of the bigger departments will be prioritized.

Some of the biggest CNMI departments, meanwhile, are scheduled to appear before the Senate chamber for the budget hearings.

The Department of Finance is scheduled on July 7 at 9:30am, while the Department of Public Safety is scheduled on the same day at 2pm. The CNMI Medical Referral Program is scheduled on July 9 at 9:30am, while the Department of Public Works is scheduled on the same day at 2pm.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is expected to have a budget hearing on July 15 at 9:30am, while the Public School System is scheduled on July 14 at 9:30am.

Police official sued by sister for allegedly refusing to lease land

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

The commander of the Department of Public Safety's Commonwealth Investigation Bureau and his sister are being sued by their other sister for allegedly refusing to lease their piece of land in Oleai to Triple J. Saipan Inc.

Francella Kimberly Fitial Olopai is asking the Superior Court to hold that she has an undeniable right to the partition of their property.

Francella Olopai is suing CBI commander Jeffrey Benigno Fitial Olopai and Immaculada Conzaga Melita Fitial Olopai.

The plaintiff also demanded payment for attorney's fees and court costs.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to get comment yesterday from Jeffrey Olopai.

Attorney James R. Stump is counsel for Francella Olopai.

Saipan Tribune learned that Stump is currently a corporate counsel for Triple J. Saipan Inc.

» Contested land to be leased to Triple J

According to Stump in the complaint, on March 27, 1990, a decree of final distribution proceeding associated with the estate of Dominina Olopai provided defendants and plaintiff Francella Olopai with "equal undivided interests" in lot 2011 located in Oleai.

There are two houses located on the lot with Francella Olopai sharing one structure with Immaculada Olopai, and Jeffrey Olopai using the other structure to provide housing for his uncle.

Stump said that, in April 2014, Francella Olopai and defendants all agreed to lease the property to Triple J and that documents were prepared reflecting this agreement.

Under the terms of the lease agreement, Stump said, each cotenant would be paid an initial monthly rent of $1,005.66 per month with 10 percent increases every five years throughout the total lease period of 55 years.

Cotenant refers to one who holds an interest in real property together with one or more others.

Stump said that, on May 7, 2014 when Francella Olopai and the defendants were scheduled to sign the lease agreement, Jeffrey Olopai changed his mind on the day scheduled for signing.

The parties, the lawyer said, are in continued disagreement over use of the property with the plaintiff seeking to lease the property and the defendants seeking to retain its current possessory status.

In order to resolve the dispute between the parties as to use of the property, the defendants were requested to agree to an administrative partition and was presented a proposal for partition into three parts equal in size.

However, Stump said, the defendants refused to agree to this proposed administrative partition.

Stump said Francella Olopai has attempted to use the simple Commonwealth administrative process for obtaining division of property, but defendants have refused to agree to an administrative partition.

"The defendants' actions are directly affecting the plaintiff's right to use her property interest as she see fit," Stump said.

Because of the non-cooperation, Stump added, plaintiff is required to seek a remedy through the use of court proceedings to request a partition of the property.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: RFP15-DPL-070
SUBMISSION DATE: JULY 28, 2015 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"TO COMPLETE A CNMI COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC LAND USE PLAN UPDATE FOR ROTA, TINIAN, SAIPAN AND THE NORTHERN ISLANDS. A PROJECT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS"

The complete Scope of Work may be picked up at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive during regular working hours.

A **pre-proposal meeting** is scheduled on **July 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., local time** at the DPL, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan. All **questions** regarding this project must be submitted in writing by email to **Pedro A. Tenorio, Secretary of Public Lands** at **pete.tenorio@dpl.gov.mp** no later than 4:30 p.m., local time, July 17, 2015.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ PEDRO A. TENORIO
Secretary of Public Lands

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
July 02, 2015

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Imperial International (CNMI), LLC	05/11/2015 SMS-2015-X-029	Grand Mariana Casino and	Garapan	Major Siting	Approved (06/26/2015)*
2. Island Holiday Tour	06/02/2015 SLRm-2015-X-038	Snorkeling Tour	Lagoon & Rees Areas	Lagoon & Reef APC	Approved (06/17/2015)*
3. Ocean Tour	06/02/2015 SLRm-2015-X-039	Snorkeling Tour	Lagoon & Reef Areas	Lagoon & Reef APC	Approved (06/16/2015)*
4. CUC	06/05/2015 SSm-2015-X-047	Rehabilitation Liftstation A-16	Agingan	Shoreline APC	Approved (06/23/2015)*
5. MVA	06/09/2015 SSm-2015-X-048	Beach Pathway Plaque	San Jose, Beach Road	Shoreline APC	Approved (06/11/2015)*
6. Saipan TV Production	06/09/2015 SSm-2015-X-049	Photographic Activities	Shoreline Areas	Shoreline APC	Approved (06/11/2015)*
7. Sui Corporation DBA LJ Tour	06/11/2015 SLRm-2015-X-050	Non-Motorized Marine Sports	Lagoon & Reef Areas	Lagoon & Reef APC	Approved (06/17/2015)*
8. Saipan Crew Boats	06/09/2015 SPIm-2015-X-051	Dry Dock Activities	Ports & Industrial Areas	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (06/16/2015)*
9. Saipan Sun Company	06/11/2015 SPIm-2015-X-052	Dry Dock Activities	Ports & Industrial Areas	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (06/15/2015)*
10. CUC	06/18/2015 SPIm-2015-X-053	Geo Testing	Ports & Industrial	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (06/24/2015)*
11. Saipan TV Production	06/19/2015 SSm-2015-X-054	Photographic Activities	Shoreline Areas	Shoreline APC	Approved (06/22/2015)*

Require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOSE CAMACHO CABRERA, Decedent.) Civil Action) No. 14-0204-CV) Date: Aug. 25, 2015) Time: 1:30 p.m.) Judge: Hon.) David A. Wiseman

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE PETITION FOR DECREE OF FINAL DISTRIBUTION

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE JOSE CAMACHO CABRERA:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Qian Wu Cabrera, Executrix of the Estate of Jose Camacho Cabrera, has filed with the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a **Petition for Final Decree of Distribution**. The attorney for Petitioner is **Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950**.

The hearing on the Petition for Final Decree of Distribution has been set for the 25th day of August, 2015 at 1:30 p.m., at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Dated this 18th day of June, 2015.

PATRICK V. DIAZ
Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Woman in marriage fraud pleads guilty

Norma Nekaifes, one of four persons indicted in federal court for allegedly conspiring in a fraudulent marriage solely in order for two of them to obtain green cards, entered a guilty plea yesterday.

Nekaifes, 29, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States.

The offense carries a maximum penalty of a five-year imprisonment and a $250,000 fine.

As part of the plea deal, the U.S. government agreed to move to dismiss the remaining count of marriage fraud against Nekaifes upon sentencing.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona accepted the defendant's guilty plea and set the sentencing for Nov. 20, 2015 at 10am.

Attorney Colin Thompson is court-appointed counsel for Nekaifes. Assistant U.S. attorney Russell Lorfing appeared for the U.S. government.

The other defendants in the case are Qiong Lu Pua, Zhengqing Lu, and Baoqin Ding.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, from June 2010 through July 2011 on Saipan, Nekaifes, Pua, and Benigno Mettao, and others agreed to deceive the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services by arranging into fraudulent marriages for the purpose of defrauding USCIS.

The object of the conspiracy was to get USCIS to believe that Nekaifes and Mettao had entered into legitimate marriages, so that their foreign national spouses could receive immigration benefits.

To further the deception that Mettao was legitimately married to Ding, Nekaifes, and Pua took staged photographs of Mettao and Ding at various places around Saipan on Dec. 9, 2010.

On Dec. 9, 2010, Nekaifes attended the marriage of Mettao and Ding and signed the marriage certificate as a witness to the ceremony. At the time of the ceremony, Nekaifes and Mettao actually held themselves out as being common-law married to one another.

On May 16, 2011, Nekaifes married Lu for the purpose of deceiving USCIS.

On July 18, 2011, Nekaifes submitted a Form I-130 wherein she petitioned USCIS to award immigration benefits to Lu.

Last March 17, federal agents arrested Mettao after he was charged with one count of false statement in connection with his alleged fraudulent marriage with Ding. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Medicaid: No use of Medicaid to private clinics

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

Private clinics on island can no longer accept Medicaid clients since the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has made a final decision not to extend the use of private practitioners for outpatient services provided to adults and children.

CNMI Medicaid Office program administrator Helen Sablan said that there is no extension for the private clinics.

"It ended yesterday (June 30), CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muna will try and see for a month. She will let me know within a month if we need to open up again with the private clinics," Sablan said in an email to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

There are three main clinics that accept Medicaid patients—Saipan Health Clinic, Pacific Medical Center, and Marianas Medical Center.

If and when Muna makes the certification, she will be certifying whether the hospital does not have the physicians to treat patients.

As of now CHCC has 33 physicians and won't need the assistance for outpatient services from private clinics.

In a separate interview, Muna confirmed that they will not extend Medicaid to private clinics.

"CHCC will not be certifying that there is a shortage of providers at CHCC. CHCC, however, will be monitoring the census and purpose of visits of the patients to ensure that access to care is available," Muna said.

The revised state plan, which has been approved by the U.S Department of Health and Human Services Region 9, requires Medicaid patients to first seek treatment at CHCC and does not allow private clinics to provide services to Medicaid beneficiaries unless CHCC is not able to accommodate the patients.

The whole purpose of the state plan was to help the Medicaid program meet its financial goals because they had a cash flow issue in 2012.

PLAY BALL
Lawmakers play with young residents after the ribbon-cutting ceremony of a newly renovated basketball court in San Antonio on Tuesday.
JOEL PINAROC

Man gets 1 year in prison for beating 2 girlfriends

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday slapped a one-year prison term against a 42-year-old man who beat up two girlfriends in separate incidents within a few months on Saipan.

After the hearing, Camacho ordered the CNMI Marshal to take defendant Topias Rufes Saimon into custody to start serving the sentence immediately at the Department of Corrections.

For two counts of assault and battery, Camacho sentenced Saimon to a total of two years in prison, all suspended except one year.

The judge ordered the defendant to serve the one year in prison day for day, without the possibility of parole, probation, and early release.

Saimon was given credit for 60 days of time served.

After completing the prison term, the defendant will be placed on supervised probation for three years. He was required to perform 100 hours of community work service, pay a $500 fine, $25 in court costs, and $300 in probation fee, and complete anger management counseling.

During the probationary period, Saimon is not allowed to consume any alcoholic beverages or controlled substances and prohibited from having direct or indirect contact with his former girlfriend and from harassing or assaulting his current girlfriend.

Saimon signed a plea deal with the government. He pleaded guilty to two counts of assault and battery. As part of the plea agreement, the government moved to dismiss the remaining charges. The court granted the motion.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit served as counsel for Saimon. Assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda appeared for the government.

According to the factual basis of the plea deal, on Sept. 12, 2014, Saimon punched his girlfriend at the time on the head and face.

On May 2, 2015, while drinking at the beach, Saimon punched his current girlfriend on the face.

Camacho ordered the clerk of court to provide a copy of the judgment to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security-Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Saimon is a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the public is advised that the Statewide Independent Living Council will hold its FY 2015 Third General Membership Meeting on Thursday, July 09, 2015 at the Bayview Hotel, Rota from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
IV. Review and Adoption of FY 2015 Second General Membership Meeting Minutes of 5/21/15
V. Reports
  a. SILC Chairperson
  b. CLI Executive Director
  c. OVR Director
VI. Old Business
  a. SILC Member Removal
  b. Designated State Entity of Independent Living
  c. Independent Living Service Contract
VII. New Business
  a. SILC Member recommendation for Rota and replacement of expiring members
  b. SILC Representative for SRC
VIII. Consumer Forum
IX. Announcements/Miscellaneous
X. Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend the meeting but require accommodations such as large print or sign language interpreters are asked to call Ms. Elvira Seman (OVR Administrative Assistant) at 322-6537-38 (voice) or 322-6449 (TTY) five days before the meeting for necessary arrangements.

/s/ Gernadine DLC. Camacho
SILC Chairperson

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the State Rehabilitation Council will hold its FY 2015 Second General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, July 08, 2015 at the Charley's Cabaret, Pacific Islands Club from 9:00 am - 12:00 p.m. Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
IV. Review and Adoption of FY 2015 First General Membership Meeting Minutes of 2/18/15
V. Reports
  a. SRC Chairperson
  b. Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Committee Chairperson
  c. Employment and Marketing Committee Chairperson
  d. Transition and Assistive Technology Committee Chairperson
  e. Transportation, Housing, and Advocacy Committee Chairperson
  f. OVR Director
VI. Old Business
  a. Update on WIOA Training/Technical Assistance
  b. Update on Mental Health First Aid Training
  c. Update on Resource Directory
  d. Update on Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
VII. New Business
  a. NMHC Presentation
  b. Presentation by QA/QI Committee Chairperson
  c. New Member Orientation
  d. Proposed Transition Initiative
  e. NDEAM Planning/Collaboration
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/s/ PAMELA C. SABLAN
Chairperson

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Tan Holdings collected over 3,800 lbs of trash

Last week, 165 employees of Tan Holdings companies namely: Fiesta Resort, Kanoa Resort, Let's Go, CTSI, POI, Century Tours, Cosmos, D&Q, Saipan Tribune, L&T and Century Insurance, collected over 3,800 lbs of trash across the beaches, parks and highway of the island.

This regular beach clean-up is part of Tan Holdings commitment to the Adopt-A-Beach and Adopt-A-Highway programs of Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) and Department of Public Works (DPW).

Century Tours Team cleaned up the beach from the Saipan Community School/Church to Kanoa Resort.

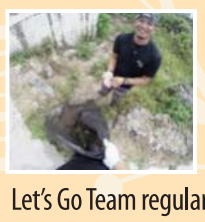
Fiesta Resort Team collected trash along Makaka Beach.

Kanoa Resort Team did bush-cutting and picked trash along the road from Kanoa Resort to Chalan Piao's traffic light.

CTSI Team was responsible for cleaning up Susupe Beach Park.

Saipan Tribune, L&T, and Century Insurance Team collected trash on the shoreline from the back of TSL Plaza to Garapan Fishing Base.

POI Aviation Team cleaned up Ladder Beach.



Let's Go Team regularly pick up trash along its stop points at Mt. Tapochau, Bamboo Forest and Jeffrey's Beach.

Cosmos-D&Q Team took charge of DPW Channel Bridge Beach clean-up.

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Opinion

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EDITORIAL

Greek chicken: Must one side in Europe flinch?

Greece says it doesn't have any more money to give its creditors. Its economy has contracted by 25 percent in recent years. Unemployment's through the roof. Public pensions have been slashed. Homelessness grows. The country is debt-drenched and needs more emergency loans, but—in the minds of Greek officials—not if that means accepting more punishing terms offered by European leaders. Greece needs room to breathe.

Europe says it wants to help. But Greece can't be allowed to wriggle out of commitments it made when it borrowed money that other countries' governments had collected from their taxpayers. If the Greeks want more bailout money, they must play by Europe's rules and accept more belt-tightening. Otherwise another country may try the same tactic and the whole idea of a unified Europe unravels. Greece needs to be responsible with other nations' money.

And there you have the two sides of a tense diplomatic negotiation, the kind that often goes down to the wire before a compromise. Except as Tuesday night turned to Wednesday morning in Europe, this crisis slipped past the grandstanding stage and entered the realm of real life: Greece missed a debt payment to the International Monetary Fund.

If the Greek government and European finance officials don't resolve this fiasco in a hurry, the global economy will get an unwelcome shock. Greece will drop out of the euro, Europe's single currency, becoming a wounded free agent on the continent's periphery.

How did Greece join a list of deadbeat nations that includes Sudan and Somalia? You could start by questioning how tiny, slow-moving Greece was ever a good fit for the same currency as powerhouse Germany. It wasn't, but the allure of a single, tightknit European continent able to out-duel the U.S. and China in the global marketplace was too strong.

Greece and other weaker players joined up, never fully fit in with their richer partners but took their bank loans ... and then tumbled during the financial crisis of 2008. To stay solvent, Greece has been living off billions in bailout funds from Europe _ money that came with taut strings attached. In all, Greece owes $270 billion to the IMF and European creditors, according to Reuters. That lending agreement expired Tuesday, the same day a payment was due.

Facing a deadline to keep the spigot going, leaders on both sides seemed ready to follow diplomatic convention: Negotiate until dramatically snatching victory from the jaws of defeat. Then came a surprise change in the script. Greece's leftist prime minister, Alexis Tsipras, stunned his European negotiating partners days ago by disrupting the talks. He announced he would put the question of a new loan agreement to a national referendum this Sunday. And, Tsipras said, he intended to campaign for the "no" side.

The Europeans flipped out. Jean-Claude Juncker, the European Commission president, said he felt "betrayed." German Chancellor Angela Merkel held firm to Europe's negotiating position but sounded worried. "If the euro fails, Europe will fail," she said. "That's why we have to fight for these principles."

Judged by words alone, Greece's showdown with Europe's leaders is still in the brinkmanship stage. The two sides were set to talk more Wednesday. Nobody is writing up an eviction notice—yet.

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'Straight A's are not enough'

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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My wife and I joined an experiment on secular-religious family ecumenical Order in Manila on Sept. 21, 1972, coincidentally and serendipitously the same day Ferdinand Marcos declared martial law in the Philippines. In the Order was a fellow Methodist clergy family from New England. Bob wore his clerical collar with me in Church gatherings, a feat in tropical heat. Judy was assistant principal at the International School in Makati where my newly landed wife from Illinois worked at the library.

Bob Fishel returned to New England the following year while I stayed with the group to labor on comprehensive human development. Judy and Bob's two young 'uns we called "Thudom and Thumora" (Anthony and Thamora), but since '74, save for occasional news here and there, we did not maintain contact. Thamora had since gotten her PhD from Cornell, while Anthony wore his dyslexia with distinction into manageability, earning himself an MA in education and physics.

Then Bob retired and moved with Judy to Florida. Judy is one smart teacher and I had wondered when she was going to capture the wisdom of her work and experience into paper. She finally did.

Written with a catchy title that many teachers would recognize, *Straight A's are not Enough* is written without the pretentious academic erudition that many tomés acquire (my bias since I cannot write that well!), readily understandable and jealously well-organized.

It is a mother lode of practical wisdom, with lots of experience behind it. Essentially, she wrote a treatise on how-to guide in "learning to learn." Judy begins with her 8 Great Steps, of immediate appeal to my Chinese friends at Waterbear Language Studio in Shenyang as 8, *ba*, is the homonym for "prosperity and wellbeing." The first three are earthshaking for common sense simplicity: get enough sleep, exercise the body, and focus the mind.

The next five are meaty: identifies four learning approaches to learning, names five characteristics of meaningful goals, discusses flexible ways to manage time, plumbs mindset—its rich neuroscience and the threat of stereotypes, and develops resilient willpower. She is just getting started on a four-part book.

Part 2 is learning skills. Part 3 brings contemporary wisdom on mental process, verbal and visual organization, ways of thinking, and mapping the pathway to memory. Part 4 captures the requirements of the future, particularly employment and the marketplace, and gets us into the discourse on critical thinking on reading-writing-listening, utilizing numbers and words, while prancing on the challenge of problem solving.

I've been promising my colleagues at the Waterbear Language Studio that I will come around to put on paper a lifetime of pedagogy, three years worth of it in language learning at Shenyang Aerospace University, but so far, have not produced anything worth the ink it is printed on. Now we've got Judy Fishel's book and we won't even plagiarize her work. Why, we will just copy the book, reprint it since our group offers all its materials free to anyone anyway. (We do not intend to profit from it, but I am sure Judy would welcome taking Bob elsewhere to watch other exotic birds!)

We note Judy's 8 great steps. Perhaps, drinking out of a similar well, I previously wrote that the window to our knowing begins at the sense experiences of sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch, leading to the expressions of feelings, the articulations of thoughts (with words and numbers), and the willful projection and mapping of intentions.

Knowledge, skills, and attitude are the three categories often used in HR evaluations and Judy gets the field further by describing the process of learning, and providing practical strategies on how to attain results without the anxieties of being properly certificated.

Though the book was written to assist college students with learning breakthroughs, the endorsement of the book goes to the starting level at the learning gate. Though passing tests is universally practiced these days, and American students are often criticized for not doing well at all, *Straight A's are not Enough* makes it clear that there is more to learning than the grade on the report card.

Getting familiar with networking in the job market is a plus; getting clarity on content, spotting biases, gestalting data, and evaluating conclusions, are great tools to have, leading to analytical reasoning practiced today across boardrooms and business seminars replete with graphs and tables, qualitative and quantitative data bases, the mainstay of our contemporary civilization.

Before leaving Saipan, I asked Judy to email me the digitized version of her book, having seen it advertised elsewhere. After Part 1, it became clear that I had a valuable tool on my hands to be shared with colleagues I associate with, so I lined up toner cartridges to print the document. The effort was not a waste. My colleagues concur: Yup, Judy, *Straight A's are not Enough*!

Note: Judy was not too happy with the free reproduction and distribution bit. We will comply.

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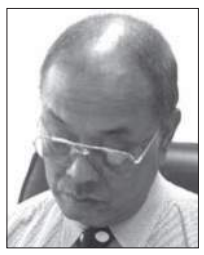

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*

Maseha gai atoridat i gobietnu as Inos mandispensa gi makonbikta yan masentensia na ginen gobietu as Benigno R. Fitial para umapresu un` año, i kuestion pot konsensian kau dinanche maletken kastigu gi che`chu` kriminat gi yahululu` na offisina.

Taya diniseha pot kastigu lau sumen kritikat i mensahe para i manatatte gi ineyag tinatiyen lai. Kau umana`e` mohon otdinariu na tautau ni mismu prebilehiu piot ya tai galon politika? Pat mayute` gi un` banda sa` tai bali gi halom estrakadan huegun politika?

I pisu ni ma-establese hana` tai bali sisteman kotte. Ni ti humahalom si Fitial gi presu esta madispensa. Dios mihu! Guaha este `nai masusede gi alacha?

Mampos mangeftau hit dispensu `nai gi mismu tiempu kontodu finana`guen famaguon pot integredat lai tumai bali. Estague` umetotba konsensiaghu gi madispensan Fitial ni umesague i lai gi mas tatkilu` na offisinan publiku.

Afañielos, mattu tiempu `nai debi hita mismu ta establese fitme yan satton na areglun lai para todu. Hita ha` siña umaregla problema halom gima`ta. Si Yuus Maase!

Representasion Pasifiku

Sige hu guadog taimanu mapula` kabales na representasion tautau isla gi enteru iya Pasifiku. Makompatte sanhilu` yan sanpapa` gi tres: Polynesia, Melanesia yan Micronesia.

I attistan ginen Uropa ayu ha yuñga` i bonitan palao`an ginen Polynesia ni gai mulata dididi`, bonita yan ma`lag mataña, chatah` ma tampe pechoña yan sinturaña. Estague` na litratu umatitiswa interes para umabisita iya Hawaii, Tahiti yan Cook Islands i bonita ni kanaha` kesnuda na litraton patgon palao`an.

Lao este na litratu ti anog i kulot `sino difirensiau na tautau iya Pasifiku tat kumu i man-atiluñg yan mulatu na mañeluta ginen New Caledonia, New Guinea yan Palau. Ayu ha` gaige i hihot kesnuda na patgon palao`an. I litratu ma-intended pot para umabende este siha na islas kumu lugat bakasion.

Ni tampoku ti anog i ansianu na ginagau Kanaks giya New Caledonia para siha umінaneha tanu` niha. Metgot mampos fuetsan Franses na todu disposision ha petsige sin pattisipasion yan konsimientun prefektu tautau tanu`. Estague` masusese guiha na lugat. Taya` kampu manana`e i dichu man-dueñon tanu`.

Dispues repara sa` giya Hawaii, Guam yan New Caledonia dumaña` usun i tanu` lugat para deskanson militat. Giya Waikiki Beach sumisiha mamokat Japones na bisita yan sindalu siha. Parehu lokue` masusesede giya Guam. Ti ileleghu na baba lau madobla ya manadaña` nesessidat militat yan industrian bisita.

Hafa diberas sustansiau ayudu para i natibu gi halom este na batida fuera de mafa` totniyon industria ya para manakilulog diariu sin mauleg na benefisiu? Insuttu ayu siha na litratu. Tiha represesenta kabales kinalamten dichu tautau tanu` taimanu iya New Caledonia.

Natibun Iya New Caledonia

Huli`e` kabales man-namase` na Kanaks—prefektu tautau iya New Caledonia—ni sige makalamtine para u fan siña mas mañaunau gi disposision futtunan tanu` niha. Ti sinede ni Franses esta pa`gu. Lau i Kanaks i man-duenun iya New Caledonia.

Magu`ot ni Franses iya New Caledonia deste 400 años malofan. Mangera i natibu yan sindalon Franses lau ti mahulat. Manmapega gi fina` kolat ya mana fan machochu` gi makusechan minan masi`.

Hu tuñgu` na mampos na dañkulon hogsu` mafafana` ni natibu i mantai nina` siña chumule` tatte haf` hagas tanu` niha. Fuera de manma-amot, manmadispone kulan mohon hutnaleron ginen otru tanu`. Bonitu tanu` niha `nai dos asut—tasi yan mapagahes-umafagcha` gi puntan tasi diariu. Manmahalañg i los prohimos disposision ginen siha mismu. Taduñg dinisehahu na umasusede un` dia.

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Iya New Caledonia sumen dañkulu na isla. Tinaka` i tautau tres dias para u fattu gi puntan tanu`. Misinahguan na lugat deste guihan yan mandañkulon binadu gi halom tanu`. Pues, gi otdinariu na linala` natibu ti makat sa` libianu ma-apprubecha naturat na neñkanu` ginen i tanu` ga`ga` yan tinanom. Ti mapot na kinalamten gi halom siha mismu i manduеñun tanu`.

Gatbu na isla ya gima` siguale modun fanliheñg niha. I modun linala` parehu yan hita gi manera `nai ta kusecha guinahan i tanu`. Magahet na esta sumen na`mahalañg kantan niha kulan ma`a`gañg tatte ayu na tiempu `nai siha dumispopone asuntun niha. Diberas na rikun tanu` ke haf` gaige guine.

Guaha mana fan eskuela giya Fransia mientras i pumalu giya New Caledonia. I manma-eduka gi tautau niha mangaige gi gobietnu. Siha kulan umesgagaihon kinalamten tautau niha. Hu tuñgu ha` lokue` na mala`et mampos paladat niha gi karera mona. Manmamattrata lau siha manduеñon tanu`. Tailaye na heñiun disposision ginen Fransia.

GREEK

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But the unraveling, still stoppable, has begun. Europeans cut off emergency credit to Greek banks, which have shut down until after the referendum. Go to a Greek ATM and the maximum you can withdraw a day is about $66. World markets are on edge because a scary word from the last decade's global economic crisis—contagion—is being used again.

There's not much agreement on the fallout if Greece walks away from its debt. It seems certain that Greece would leave the euro, reinstate the drachma and try to manage its own economic affairs without help from Europe.

In this weakened state, Greece probably suffers through years of deprivation, still in the European Union but on the outs. Best-case scenario: Greece keeps its commitments as a NATO member and eventually re-establishes itself as a bargain corner of Europe, a good place for light industry and a vacation. Worst-case scenario: How about Greece as Putin's new plaything? Unlikely, but Greece's exit from the euro raises the risk of geopolitical instability. It's not inconceivable that this Greek drama will cost the U.S. a longtime ally.

As for Europe, the continent recovered from the global economic crisis and seems able to cope with grexit (a Greek exit from the eurozone). But there will be a cost of unknown size because in a globally integrated economy, not every connecting point is obvious. Who knows where the next crisis pops? The other big risk for Europe is political, because the continent's postwar identity is wrapped up in the concept of integration.

If Greek voters do vote no in the referendum and walk away from the euro, the country will deliver two seismic blows: one to its own place in the global economy, and another to Europe's long-held belief in unity. The best outcome is for the two sides to compromise. Fast.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for the ignorant sarcasm

This is simple reply for the sarcasm of "Good job Ambrose" letter from Francisco R. Agulto who obviously doesn't get the message that this is not a public English class. His assertion to me referencing the poetic play of Macbeth created by William Shakespeare and that my explanation came straight from the first paragraph in Wikipedia was unethical or something bad. FYI Francisco, I have read Macbeth and you haven't which is why you were looking it up in the Wikipedia—so who was really ignorant about Macbeth. FYI, I had checked Wikipedia because it was the quickest access to the right spelling of Macbeth and Shakespeare and saw that the explanation about Macbeth was right and even fitting as I remembered so I just copied and pasted what Macbeth was about—duh! If I hadn't read or knew about Macbeth then how did I know to use Macbeth in the first place? You should have used your brain to think about that clear fact before making yourself look ignorant in public. You just had to say something negative about me and had to look up Macbeth to see what it was about Francisco. So what did you want a reference quote and credit so it would be easy for you to look up and did you copy other people's homework in school?

You did a good job of making yourself look ignorant about Macbeth by exposing your search on Wikipedia for Macbeth so it is like you said Francisco: you got lost when I mentioned Macbeth which is worse than you being late to learn you were ignorant about Macbeth. FYI almost every high school student is required to read or at least know about. Keep them coming Francisco, you give me something to smile about as I enjoy teaching to the ignorant and the rewards of knowing you learned something the hard way from me! You need to know that people can tell you are just hating on me doing the very unethical thing I just finish writing about among locals "trying to make my name bad" by using my name for your title which is really "third grade mentality" to a professional.

Anyone who calls themselves informing people that the figure eight is not a straight line is making a sad joke or must think everyone is blind but him- so prayers for him because in the words of that old Negro Spiritual Amazing Grace as "he was lost and blind but now he is found and can see." But keep it up as I know there are ignorant people out there who's eyes need opening and I will continue to catch you again on the rebound and educate you if you make another blind and bad shot that I will sink from half court on you and in your face which really wasn't fair for a social and political scientist to do to sub-high school level person who had to look up Macbeth! It's been a pleasure and thanks!

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman

Working together

The *Saipan Tribune* recently published an article on the CNMI contractor's "initial findings" of PACOM's CJMT EIS. Although the consultant has only been under contract for two weeks, they concluded in an "initial review" that the 1,400 page DEIS and 3,500 pages of appendices "did not conform with the basic principles of the National Environmental Policy Act and that the documents preclude intelligent review."

The government's proposed action—which would help ensure our nation's military is trained and ready for any mission the President commits it to here in the Pacific—affects us all. The DEIS document goes to great lengths to explain why PACOM needs the training, what the training consists of, how we understand the existing conditions, and—supported by three studies conducted between 2009-2012—why the CNMI was selected as the location to be studied.

While everyone—even us—prefers smaller documents, our approach has been to be overly inclusive so we can properly identify the existing environmental and economic conditions and thoroughly explain our proposed project's effects on the islands' flora, fauna, and the people of the CNMI.

Early collaboration started over a year ago to address issues unique to Tinian: cattle grazing in the leased area, airspace management, off-island solid waste disposal, and access to the leased area.

We then held three two-part public meetings in late April and early May of this year. The first part of these meetings consisted of an open house where government experts explained precisely what the proposed action entails, what impacts were studied, what the government found, and answered every question the public asked. The second part of the meetings allowed us to hear concerns, comments, and issues from the public—without interruption. We then doubled the public comment period from 60 to 120 days to allow time for the consultant's work to be achieved.

NEPA works best when all parties commit to a collaborative and open process to deliver a product that meets the needs of the military while not disrupting the safety, ecology, and economy of the area. We encourage everyone to focus their energies on providing a thoughtful and constructive analysis of the DEIS so that the final product is a win-win for all.

With feedback from the community, the CNMI consultants and regulatory agencies, we are ensured of producing a robust analysis as we move to a Final EIS, over a year from now.

The Department of Defense has an important mission in the Pacific region but we are also committed to being good partners and neighbors. Working together, I'm confident we can achieve both objectives.

Craig B. Whelden
Marine Corps Forces Pacific
Executive director

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
▲87° ▼77°

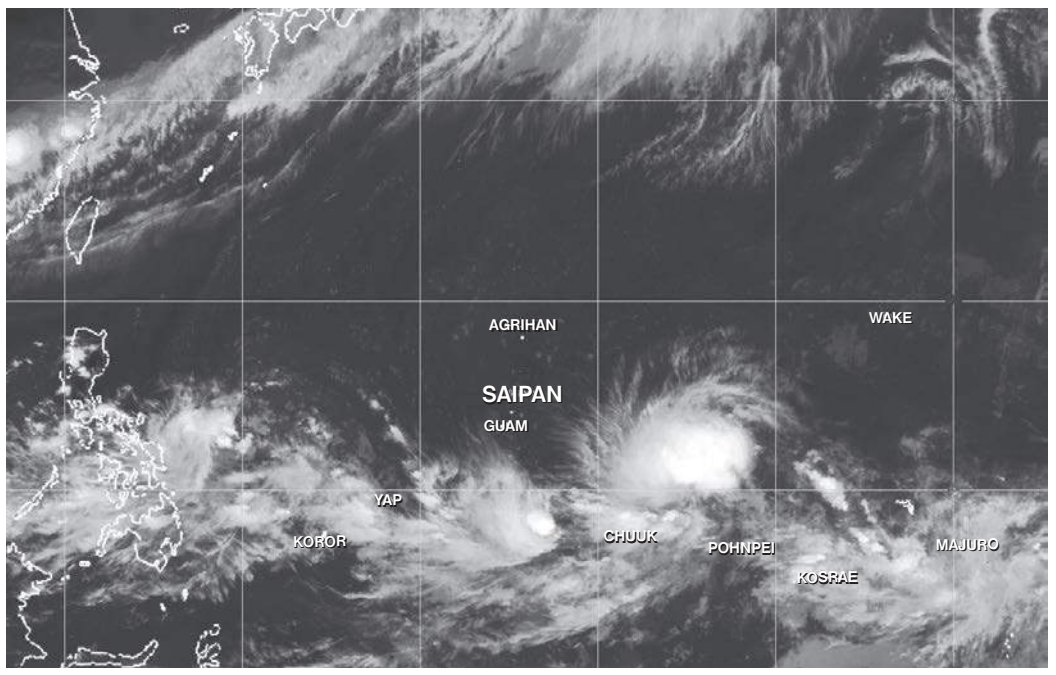
FRIDAY
Partly sunny and breezy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds 20 to 25 mph.
▲86° ▼77°

SATURDAY
Tropical storm or typhoon conditions possible. Cloudy with numerous heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms.
▲84° ▼77°

SUNDAY
Tropical storm or typhoon conditions possible. Mostly cloudy and windy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
▲85° ▼76°

MONDAY
Mostly cloudy and windy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
▲86° ▼76°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Chan-hom (09W) is centered 305 miles north-northwest of Pohnpei and 395 miles northeast of Weno Chuuk near 11N157E moving west-northwestward at 22 mph with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph. Heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms are between 7N and 15N from 153E to 160E. For more information on Tropical Storm Chan-hom, see JTWC bulletins issued under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and NWS bulletins issued under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM otherwise. An active monsoon trough runs east-southeastward across Micronesia from a circulation northwest of Koror at 12N131E through another circulation northwest of Chuuk at 9N149E curving through TS Chan-hom at 11N157E turning southeastward to a fourth circulation southeast of Majuro at 5N176E to beyond 6N180. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Koror and Yap are between 7N and 13N from 130E to 138E from just east of Yap across Chuuk between 3N and 10N from 140E to 153E across Kosrae state mainly between 5N and 9N from 160E to 170E and across the Marshall Islands and Butaritari between the equator and 10N from 170E to 180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲87	▼80
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Chuuk	Windy	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼78

Around the Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲59	▼49
Beijing	Sunny	▲90	▼63
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼83
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲90	▼75
London	Cloudy	▲79	▼63
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼65
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼77
Melbourne	Showers	▲53	▼42
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲90	▼80
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼66
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼70
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲94	▼66
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼67
Rome	Sunny	▲93	▼73
Salem	Sunny	▲99	▼63
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼58
Seoul	Sunny	▲84	▼62
Tokyo	Rain	▲81	▼70
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼68

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Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

2:42 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
7:44 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
3:04 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.5 Feet
10:01 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:52 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:52 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Monday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:55 PM	5:44 AM
Friday	7:50 PM	6:42 AM
Saturday	8:43 PM	7:42 AM
Sunday	9:33 PM	8:41 AM
Monday	10:22 PM	9:40 AM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/701	2:25am	11:05am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/701	3:20am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/721	2:25am	11:50am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	3:20am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:20pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/6053	1:10pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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7:00AM	7:15AM	Mon, Tue,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
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12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
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DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
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12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

CUC: Legislation required to pass debt moratorium

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REPORTER

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board member Diego Songao told board members that legislation is needed to allow for a moratorium of their debt payments to the Commonwealth Development Authority.

Songao is the board chair of CDA.

CUC officially sent a letter last month to ask for a five-year suspension of all debt and interest payments to the Commonwealth Development Authority.

Former CUC executive director Alan Fletcher asked that CDA suspend "all payments, accrual of dividends, and any associated liability" for debt payments owed to CDA for a period of five years.

Right now, CUC is required to pay back $4.32 million in deferred debt by October 2016. This payment ties to debt that stretches all the way back to 1985.

Songao told the CUC board that the CDA board did not have the power to defer suspension. "We can't do it," he said.

CDA also currently lacks quorum.

Songao suggested they draft legislation that would allow the payment of dividends to be conferred to infrastructure funds for capital improvements.

He said that a moratorium needs legislation.

Fletcher told CDA last month that the CUC board seeks "to avoid burdening its customers with including the CDA debt obligation and any accrual of liabilities for unpaid dividends into its tariffs."

Fletcher was referring to the board's preference to not charge customers with rates set to pay debt owed to other agencies like CDA and the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

In his letter, Fletcher also emphasized that any accrual of liabilities for unpaid dividends be suspended.

This because a deferral of payments with continued dividend accrual would only result in increased rates, as this amount would still have to paid off in the future.

"Since the dividend payment due will be larger than today, the effect on the rates at that time will also be greater than it would be today," Fletcher said.

CUC's request to suspend their debt also comes in hand with the board's vote earlier this month to withdraw a 2.1 cent "debt service surcharge" that had been pending with the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission.

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Position: (4) F&B SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be reliable and self-motivated. Is able to stand for long periods of time and lift up to 25 pounds. Minimum 3 years work experience as F&B supervisor, preferably in a hotel. Foreign language skills are a plus. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Position: (1) PAINTER
Qualifications: 2 years work experience as a painter. Must have an eye for detail and good judgment. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (2) PLUMBER
Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years plumbing experience, preferably in a hotel or similar large building or complex with central plant. Knowledge of the tools, equipment, and materials common to the plumbing trade is required. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather and able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (2) STEWARD SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 3 years experience in stewarding; 1 year experience as stewarding supervisor. Must be able to work long hours and handle pressure. Must have strong knowledge of sanitation procedure and heath codes and implementation. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (1) ACCOUNTING ANALYST- Accounts Payable/Disbursements
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting is preferred. 3 years progressive experience in accounts payable and general accounting experience. Strong knowledge of relevant computer software application, particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Proficient in data entry and management. Must have strong problem and communication skills. Attention to detail and accuracy is essential. Must be able to work under pressure. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required. ¬

Position: (2) ACCOUNTING ANALYST- Accounts Receivable
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred. 3 years progressive experience in accounts receivable operations. Must have strong knowledge of relevant computer software applications, particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Proficient in data entry and management. Must have strong problem and communication skills. Attention to detail and accuracy is essential. Must be able to work under pressure. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: (1) COST ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring that food and beverage costs are within hotel standards. Renders regular reporting of food and beverage costs to management. Calculates food cost of regular menu items and assists banquet department in costing special banquet menus. Witness/participates in the periodic physical inventory counts and reports to immediate supervisor for any major discrepancies. Bachelor's Degree in accounting, business, or finance is preferred. Minimum of 3 years work experience as cost accountant, preferably in a hotel. Proficient in computer software applications, particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: (1) PURCHASING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred. Minimum of 3 years progressive work experience as a purchasing supervisor, preferably in a hotel or fast-paced environment. Ability to make judgments regarding alternative means of procuring materials/goods or services based on cost and serviceability. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy. Ability to adapt to changes in work environment, work assignments, and/or changes in priorities. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Experienced with inventories to include, but not limited to, Food and Beverage, dry goods, and Housekeeping Cleaning & Guest Supplies is a requirement. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

Position: (1) FOOD AND BEVERAGE ASSISTANT
Qualifications: 3 years experience and responsibility in management level in food & beverage from a high volume restaurant or hotel is preferred. Strong customer and people skills are essential. Must be able to work under pressure and time constraints. Strong organizational and time management skills are necessary. Knowledgeable on sanitation and health regulation and implementation thereof. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early mornings, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (2) GUEST RELATIONS AGENT
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. 1-2 years previous work experience as guest relations agent in a high volume hotel is highly preferred. Language speaking skill in Japanese, Korean or Chinese is advantageous. Strong customer service and communication skills are essential. Must have good problem solving skills. Must be able to multitask and is a team player. Knowledge of computer applications is required. Must be able to work flexible schedule including nights, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (1) INCOME AUDITOR
Qualifications: 4 years progressive experience as an income auditor preferably in a high volume hotel. AA or BA in either accounting or in the hospitality finance is preferred. Strong math and computer skills, particularly with spreadsheets; knowledgeable with accounting software particularly in SAP, R3, and FICO are required. Must have an eye for detail; strong time management and organizational skills are essential. Must be able to work under pressure and can work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: (1) EXECUTIVE HOUSEKEEPER
Qualifications: 6 months to a year of experience in the housekeeping industry in a high volume hotel. Must show documented success during 6 months to a year of progressive experience and responsibility in management level. Proficient in a hotel property management system and computer software applications. Excellent time management and organizational skills. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, and holidays. Must be able to stand on feet for long periods of time.

Position: (1) DIRECTOR OF ROOMS
Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years progressive experience in a comparable position in a luxury hotel operation. Excellent guest service and resolution skills. Strong knowledge of all aspects of Rooms Division operations; strong organizational and interpersonal skills. Must have the flexibility to meet the demands of a 24 hour operation and the ability to work comprehensively with spreadsheets and budgeting packages. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (3) HOUSEKEEPING CLEANER
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. 6 months to 1 year prior cleaning experience in a large building complex is preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Must be able to lift and carry up to 30 pounds. Must have attention to detail, working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Can work flexible schedule including weekends, nights, holidays, and back-to-back when necessary.

Position: (1) GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER
Qualifications: 2 years experience as a general maintenance worker in repairing or replacing defective equipment parts, using hand tools and power tools and reassemble equipment is required. Must be able to work independently. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds. Must be a team player and has good interpersonal skills. Able to work flexible schedule including nights, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (6) COOK
Qualifications: 2 years experience as a cook in international cuisine is required and preferably from a high volume restaurant or hotel. Must have problem solving abilities, be self-motivated, and organized. Must be able to work under pressure and adaptable to last minute work preparation. Able to work nights, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (2) DEMI CHEF
Qualifications: High School Graduate or GED. Must be able to work under extreme pressure, stand on feet for long periods of time and work in a heated environment. Strong organizational skills. 2 years previous experience as a lead cook in a high volume restaurant or hotel. Is able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (1) DIRECTOR OF SALES & MARKETING
Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Sales & Marketing or Business preferred with a minimum of 6 years related experience with progressive managerial experience. Demonstrated in-depth sales, marketing techniques, and financial principles. Effective ability to communicate orally or in written form effectively with co-management, internal, and external customers. Fluency in Japanese language is highly preferred. Able to work in the field on occasion and travel off island to attend sales meetings as necessary. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including holidays and weekends.

Position: (1) ELECTRICIAN
Qualifications: 2 years progressive work experience as electrician in industrial, commercial, and residential building electrical works. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (1) MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications: BA in accounting and minimum 7 years progressive experience in finance and accounting management preferably in a hotel of high volume. Proficient in the use of SAP, R3, FICO software, and other hotel's front office and POS systems. Must have a clear understanding of internal audits and annual audits. Strong written and verbal communication, interpersonal and customer service skills. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays whenever necessary.

Position: (1) MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR
Qualifications: 4 years of progressive experience as maintenance coordinator in a large building complex or hotel is highly preferred. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Must have the ability to multitask and have good time management skills. Must be proficient in computer software applications. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including holidays and weekends.

Position: (1) FRONT DESK MANAGER
Qualifications: Must have a minimum of 3 years experience in Front Desk Management in a high volume hotel or full service hotel. Strong communication skills both written and verbal are necessary; demonstrated leadership abilities. Must have an energetic and dynamic personality and able to multitask. Must be proficient in computer software applications. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (1) NIGHT AUDITOR
Qualifications: 3 years experience in hotel internal auditing preferably in a high volume hotel. Strong knowledge of mathematics and their applications. Excellent customer and interpersonal skills. Effective communication and strong computer skills are essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (2) LAUNDRY ATTENDANT
Qualifications: Employees in these occupations need anywhere from a few months to one year of working with experienced employees. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations. Experience as a laundry worker is required, preferably in a high volume hotel or establishment such as a hospital. Must be able to lift and carry 35 pounds. Must be able to stand on feet throughout work shift. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, back-to-back, nights, and holidays. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential.

Position: (1) ACCOUNTING MANAGER
Qualifications: A minimum of a bachelor's degree with an emphasis in accounting. 5 years experience in the area of financial statement preparation, budgeting, payroll, purchasing, accounts payable and accounts receivable, or the equivalent. Experience working with an automated financial management system. Knowledge and ability in the use of a personal computer and software applications particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Strong organizational and analytical skills and the ability to maintain detailed records; ability to work effectively under stressful conditions. Able to communicate both written and oral. Must be able to work a varied schedule including holidays and weekends when required. The applicant must successfully complete a background check.

Position: (1) IT MANAGER
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in computer science or equivalent education and experience. Knowledge of website technologies. 3 years progressive IT experience in management level including experience in a multi office environment. Demonstrated ability to lead a team of technical staff to work with the Executive management of an organization and to manage multiple concurrent projects. Excellent verbal and communication skills; strong management skills. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (1) SUPERVISOR, GENERAL ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred. 4 years progressive work experience as an accountant in supervisory level. Must be computer literate and proficient in accounting software application particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Must have strong organizational skills and be a team player. Must be able to work under pressure and time constraints. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: (1) FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR
Qualifications: 5 years of progressive responsibility in food & beverage from a full service hotel or high volume restaurant in management position. Experienced in managing food costs, upholding menu standards, and controlling inventory. Must be able to create event-specific menus for occasions as banquets, conferences, and catering meetings. Knowledgeable of serve safe sanitary procedures and health codes, overall compliance of all health regulations for food preparation. Proficient with computer software applications. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (2) GUEST RELATIONS SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 2 years experience in front office in a supervisory capacity and preferably from a full service hotel/resort. Must be able to supervise and coordinate the activities of guest relations workers to ensure that guests on vacation or business travel have a pleasant experience, while also ensuring the establishment is run efficiently and profitably. Must be proficient in computer software applications. Strong customer service and time management skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends, and nights.

Position: (1) MAINTENANCE MANAGER
Qualifications: 5 years of skilled and increasingly responsible experience in building construction or maintenance work of which 2 years shall have been in management level. Knowledge of tools, materials, working practices and methods of the building trades, equipment, working procedures and methods required in a hotel property and grounds maintenance program, and in the repair and minor construction of hotel facilities, landscaping, plant propagation, soils, insecticides and gardening tools, laws affecting maintenance, repair and construction of the hotel facility, principles of supervision, training and management. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (1) SALES EXECUTIVE- KOREAN MARKET
Qualifications: 1 year progressive experience in sales & marketing. Excellent oral and written communication in English and Korean. Must have a personable and charming personality. Has good presentation, reasoning, and negotiation with clients. Highly motivated and results-oriented. Can work effectively within the sales support teams for the achievement of guest satisfaction, revenue generation, and long-term account goals in line with the company's vision and values. Must be willing to extend and work for long hours when necessary. May be required to travel off-island to attend sales meetings when necessary. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (3) FOOD & BEVERAGE SENIOR SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 2 years progressive work experience as a supervisor in food & beverage from a high volume restaurant or full service hotel. Excellent customer service skills, organizational and communication skills are essential. Knowledgeable with health, fire and sanitation regulations. Proficient with POS system. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (1) SUPERVISOR- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Qualifications: College graduate, major in accounting is preferred OR 2 years progressive experience in account payable operations in supervisory level. Strong personal computer skills is essential. Proficient knowledge in using SAP, FICO, and R3 accounting systems. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when necessary.

Position: (1) MASON
Qualifications: Knowledge of related tools, masonry techniques, equipment, and materials. Skill in the construction, alteration, repair, and maintenance of masonry structures and surfaces. 3 years masonry or bricklaying experience is required. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (5) HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 2 years hotel experience in housekeeping at a supervisory level. Must have excellent communication skills and basic computer knowledge. Strong customer and interpersonal skills. Good stamina – is able to stand on feet for long period of time and can lift and carry up to 30 pounds. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (1) ROOM RESERVATIONS SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 2 years progressive work experience in rooms reservations in a supervisory level is required and preferably in a large volume hotel. Creative conflict resolution skills are essential to this position. Ability to use reservation software and manage guest database. Must be organized and posses strong communication and interpersonal skills. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (1) MECHANICAL SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: BA degree in mechanical engineering or related field AND 4 years of mechanical engineering or related experience OR 8 years of mechanical engineering or related experience OR any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge, skills, and abilities have been achieved. Must be willing to work a varied schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (2) STEWARD SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 3 years experience in stewarding; 1 year stewarding supervisor experience. Must be able to work long hours and handle pressure. Have strong knowledge on Health and sanitation procedure and implementation. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (14) WAIT STAFF
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent. 2 years of actual experience as wait staff is highly preferred. Ability to calculate figures, volumes and mathematical conversions. Ability to respond to common inquiries complaints from customers. Ability to write and speak clearly and effectively in English, multilingual desirable, preferably Japanese, Korean, and Chinese (but not required). Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (2) BAKER
Qualifications: Six months to one year experience in creating breads and other baked goods, such as cakes, pies, and other pastries. Strong math skills, detail oriented. Familiar with baking equipment. Excellent stamina, ability to stand for long periods of time, and can lift and carry up to 35 pounds easily without any assistance. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (1) RESTAURANT MANAGER
Qualifications: 3 years progressive experience as a restaurant manager and preferably from a high volume restaurant or hotel. Strong communication, interpersonal, and customer service skills are essential. Requires ability to work under pressure and time constraints. Requires much of your time on your feet, moving between different areas and restaurant outlets. Fluency in the Japanese language is highly advantageous. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (1) ASSISTANT MANAGER- ROOMS DIVISION
Qualifications: Two years experience as an Assistant Rooms Division Manager in a high volume hotel is preferred. Excellent customer service skills and ability to communicate effectively with customers and management team. Proficient with hotel property management system and computer software applications are essential. Must have profound knowledge in rooms management. Ability to speak and write in Japanese is preferred. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends, and holidays.

Applications can be obtained at the Security Office at the Hotel's South Wing. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than July 7, 2015.
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ESA, Alternative Zero meeting was 'long, productive'

After meeting with Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas on Saturday, June 28, Jim Keany, director of Environmental Science Associates, and his team met with Alternative Zero Coalition leaders Debbie Fleming and Kimberly King-Hinds of Fanacho Marianas.

Fleming and King-Hinds toured Keany and his team around Tinian and pointed out the many important and significant cultural sites, among others, that would be greatly impacted by the military's proposed use of Tinian for live-fire target practice. Keany described his meeting on Tinian as "long and productive."

On Sunday, June 28, 2015, Keany arranged a breakfast meeting with some leaders of the Saipan Alternative Zero Coalition. He met with Genevieve Cabrera of Guardians of Gani and Cinta Kaipat and her brother Gus Kaipat of PaganWatch. At the introductory meeting, Keany listened to concerns raised about the military's proposed plans for Pagan and Tinian and he encouraged the coalition to send him copies of all comments so that they would be submitted as part of the CNMI's official comments.

Keany also informed the coalition that he and his team will be back for the July 15 and 17 public hearings on Saipan and Tinian.

Cinta Kaipat states that, "The Alternative Zero Coalition extends a heartfelt appreciation to Jim Keany for requesting the meetings with the Alternative Zero Coalition leaders. The meetings were much appreciated and it was a pleasure meeting Jim, as well as his Team members Nick Yost, Team Leader, Dentons US LLC and Matt Adams, Legal Counsel for Dentons."

Coalition leaders pledged their full support and assistance at the upcoming public hearings. ***(PR)***

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From left, Gen Cabrera, co-founder of Guardians of Gani; Jim Keany, Environmental Science Associates director; Cinta Kaipat, co-founder of PaganWatch; Nick Yost, team leader, Dentons US LLC; Gus Kaipat, co-founder of PaganWatch; and Matt Adams, Dentons legal counsel pose for a photo after a recent meeting.

PacIOOS wave buoy back online

The Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System last June 30 redeployed its wave buoy outside of Tanapag. The yellow buoy is located about 5 miles offshore and will now continue to send information on ocean and wave conditions. The reinstalled buoy off Tanapag joins the existing PacIOOS network of 13 real-time wave buoys across the Pacific, providing data on wave height, direction, period, and sea surface temperature. Three of the buoys are located in the Mariana Islands.

Wave buoy data benefit the entire community and are important to make well-informed and safe decisions. Ocean users, including fishermen, commercial operators, boaters, and swimmers, can access all ocean data online, free of any charge. Real-time wave data are also vital to alert the community, emergency responders, and agency officials to big wave events that could potentially impact the shorelines of Saipan and Tinian, and even those of Rota and the Northern Islands.

"We are extremely excited that the Tanapag wave buoy is back in the water to provide real-time wave data. The buoy is a tremendous asset and a critical resource for us," says Chip Guard from NOAA's National Weather Service, Forecast Office in Guam. "We check the readings constantly to prepare our wave forecasts and evaluate the need for surf advisories and warnings and for small craft advisories." Roger Edson, also of the Forecast Office, adds "It can really be helpful for flagging the largest waves during tropical storms and typhoons."

In order to keep the buoy operational, ocean users are kindly asked to carefully navigate around the wave buoy, refrain from tying to the equipment, and avoid fishing within 100 yards to minimize entanglement in the mooring line.

Kimball Millikan, PacIOOS Marine Research Engineer, states, "The wave buoys, and the sensors that lie within, are very sensitive. Any sort of collision or other abrupt impact can damage the instruments." He adds, "the location of the buoy is included in all nautical charts, but keep in mind, these buoys are constantly in motion so the exact location varies."

Data streaming for the PacIOOS wave buoys is made possible through long-term partnerships between PacIOOS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Coastal Data Information Program. ***(PR)***

First Friday Films to show *Plastic Paradise* on July 10

Every single piece of plastic that has ever been created since the 1800s is still somewhere on our planet. So if it never goes away, where does it go?

This question will be answered in the premier showing of the new movie *Plastic Paradise* at American Memorial Park on Friday, July 10, 6:30pm. (This is one week later than the normal FFF event due to the 4th of July holiday.)

Thousands of miles away from civilization, Midway Atoll is in one of the most remote places on earth. And yet, it's become ground zero for The Great Pacific Garbage Patch, syphoning plastics from three distant continents. In this independent documentary film, jounralist/filmmaker Angela Sun travels on a personal journey of discovery to uncover this mysterious phenomenon. Along the way she meets scientists, researchers, influencers, and volunteers who shed light on the effects of our rabid plastic consumption and learns the problem is more insidious than we could have ever imagined.

Before the film, you will get to learn about where our plastics go on Saipan, and what it means to recycle on our island. Staff from the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality will discuss garbage and how we management it on Saipan and in the rest of the CNMI.

First Friday Films is a partnership between American Memorial Park, the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, and the Northern Marianas Humanities Council with support from other organizations and individuals. This particular film is sponsored by BECQ. As always, our film events are free and open to the public. This event will run approximately 90 minutes.

For more information about First Friday Films, email fffsaipan@gmail.com or visit our website: www.firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Elements of Nature Kid's Camp at Church 360

Church 360 will be hosting a free Kid's Camp starting Tuesday, July 7, through Friday, July 10, at the church's first floor location in the Marianas Business Plaza. The camp will be from 9am to noon each day. This will be for children ages 4-10. Pre-registration is advised as the camp will only serve 40 children. Activities will include interactive Bible stories, singing, science experiments, crafts, games, snacks, and more all themed with the element of the day, earth, water, fire, and air.

For more information about the Kid's Camp or Church 360, contact Joy at 256-8171 or email flybjrew@yahoo.com. ***(PR)***

SVES opens registration for SY 2015-2016

San Vicente Elementary School has opened its registration for School Year 2015-2016, and the schedule is from July 1 to 31 for students from first to fifth grade. Registration is from 9am to 3pm in the school's main office.

Requirements for incoming students are the following:

- Copy of birth certificate
- Original health certificate (from Public Health or any private clinic)
- Updated medical insurance (Medicaid, any government insurance, or accidental insurance (from Moylan's Insurance or Marianas Insurance)
- Map of residential location
- Copy power of attorney/legal guardianship (if applicable)
- Withdrawal from any existing school, must provide copy of the latest report card.

Should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact SVES at 664-3981 through 84 or 237-3791. ***(PR)***

CNMI Museum board meeting today

The CNMI Museum of History and Culture will be holding a regular meeting of its Board of Governors today, June 2, at 9am at the NMI Humanities Council Conference Room. The agenda will include the election of officers, a continuation of the review of the museum work plan and preparations for the development of a strategic plan. A finalized agenda will be available prior to and at the meeting.

This meeting is open to the public. You may contact Robert Hunter at the CNMI Museum, 664-2160 for more information about the meeting. ***(PR)***

Lower Base Transfer Station, Marpi Landfill closed on July 4

The Lower Base Transfer Station and the Marpi Landfill facilities will be closed all day on Saturday, July 4, 2015, in observance of Independence Day. Regular schedule will resume on Monday, July 6, 2015, from 7:30am to 11:30am and 12:30pm to 4pm. (PR)

Tinian scholarship office relocates to NMC Campus

The Tinian Municipal Scholarship Office has been relocated to the Tinian Northern Marianas College Campus (Room E) as of June 17, 2015.

The relocation is part of the office's efforts to improve public service effectively and efficiently. With this relocation, all students will also have the opportunity to connect with NMC partners within the same facility. Office staff, as well as the Tinian NMC staff, are ready to assist students in working toward furthering their educational goals.

For further inquiries, contact the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Office at 433-2200/0649 or email tinianscholarship@gmail.com. The office's operating hours is from 7:30am to 4:30pm on weekdays. ***(PR)***

Introducing the 'new' Guam Super Shopper

MAITE. Guam—For nearly 20 years, Guam Super Shopper (GSS) has been serving the island community with a resource for best buys and bargain finds. This Thursday, GSS will unveil a new look, fresh content, and a continued commitment to its loyal readers and advertisers.

Please join in the launch of the "new" GSS this Thursday, July 2, 2015 from 5pm to 8pm at Kento's Guam, Hyatt Regency Hotel. ***(PR)***

GSA awards lease for new courthouse on Saipan

SAN FRANCISCO—The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) announced the award of a 20-year lease to EFC Services Corporation for a new federal courthouse in Saipan. The three-story courthouse will be located in the Mariana Heights Business Park on Chalan Pale Arnold Road and will house the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, U.S. Probation Office, U.S. Marshals Service, and U.S. Attorney's Office. The new courthouse will include one courtroom, one judge's chamber, and an office for visiting judges with supporting services, as well as office space for the building's additional tenants.

GSA established this courthouse as a Design Excellence project, which ensures excellence in public architecture, engineering, and construction. The Design Excellence Program ensures an efficient working environment that can accommodate ongoing technological innovation and allow for a technologically state-of-the-art work place throughout the project's useful life.

» EFC Services Corp. to construct new modern facility

The courthouse design seeks to create a high performance green building by incorporating a number of sustainability features into the project to include: energy efficient fixtures and lighting, high efficiency building systems, water-efficient fixtures and landscaping, and innovative wastewater technologies. With these and other sustainability features, the new courthouse will not only conserve critical resources and protect our environment, but also realize energy cost savings for years to come.

The courthouse will be the third building in the Marina Heights Business Park, joining existing buildings MH-I and MH-II. Constructed at a higher elevation, the new courthouse will overlook the U.S. National Park Service American Memorial Park.

The U.S. District Court is currently located at the Horiguchi Building in Saipan. This new lease will meet the judiciary's design, function, and security needs on Saipan and was based on a competitive, best value lease procurement. ***(PR)***

Bordallo clarifies Veterans Choice Program

Bordallo

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo recently released the following information regarding the Veterans Choice Program.

TriWest Healthcare Alliance experienced difficulties in fully implementing the Veterans Choice Program in Guam and other U.S. Territories. Local veterans who contacted TriWest before June 1, 2015 may have been provided inaccurate information regarding the Veterans Choice Program.

Some of the problems were related to the securing and finalizing service contracts with healthcare providers in Guam. TriWest has assured Bordallo that it has finalized many of these contracts, and today more than 150 local healthcare providers will accept Veterans Choice Cards. TriWest continues to add local healthcare providers, especially for specialty medicine.

TriWest also experienced challenges with information provided through their call centers and training employees on how to handle calls from the territories. TriWest has assured Congresswoman Bordallo that it has updated the information it has provided to its employees so that they are able to manage calls from veterans in the territories and provide accurate information about the Veterans Choice Program.

Veterans must first activate their Veterans Choice Card before making an appointment. This is similar to the process for activating a credit card and can be done by calling 866-606-8198.

Veterans in Guam are not limited by the 30-day rule and can make appointments directly with TriWest immediately, without a referral from the Guam Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC). Doctors at the Guam CBOC may not be able to discuss the benefits provided by the Veterans Choice Program. Veterans are encouraged to contact TriWest directly to activate their choice cards and schedule an appointment with local providers. Additionally, veterans should schedule their appointments through TriWest to avoid payment issues if they are using an out-of-network provider.

If any veteran continues to experience difficulties in activating their Veterans Choice Card or making an appointment, they are encouraged to visit Congresswoman Bordallo's District Office for assistance. Our office will go through the process with them and recommend any needed improvements to TriWest. Further, we will contact TriWest directly to troubleshoot specific cases to ensure each veteran who is eligible for the Choice Program is able to benefit from it.

"I recognize the frustrations that our local veterans are experiencing in trying to utilize their Veterans Choice Card, and I am committed to working to ensure that each veteran who is eligible for this program benefits from it," said Bordallo. "TriWest continues to improve its outreach and the services it provides for veterans living in the territories. I encourage any veteran who continues to experience difficulties using their Choice Card to visit my District Office for assistance. We would like to know if there are continuing problems with the Choice Program, but we must also respect privacy laws that prevent us from addressing individual cases without the veteran's written consent." ***(PR)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

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Happy 5th birthday Izeiah Walter Sambile Deleon Guerrero. May the Lord grant all your Transformers demands, birthday wishes, and many more years as you continue to transform into the gentleman that you are! I love you more than you'll ever know. Greetings from Mommy.

Int'l Festival of Cultures begins Aug. 22

The 2nd Annual International Festival of Cultures will be held for six consecutive Saturday evenings on Saipan beginning on Aug. 22, 2015.

The festival will be held Aug. 22 and 29 and Sept. 5, 12, 19, and 26 at Paseo de Marianas in Garapan and will celebrate the cultural diversity of the Northern Mariana Islands, with special emphasis on the indigenous cultures of Micronesia.

The Marianas Visitors Authority is seeking representative groups of different cultures to participate in planning for the event. Representative groups may contact MVA Community Projects specialist Ryan Calvo at rcalvo@mymarianas.com or 1.670.664.3210 for more information.

"The International Festival of Cultures was a great success last year, and we are once again inviting all cultural groups represented in the Northern Marianas, whether big or small, to be a part of this year's celebration," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "The festival is a great opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our community and share that wealth with our visitors, as well."

The festival will include food sales beginning at 5pm and live cultural entertainment from 6pm to 11pm. Admission is free. ***(MVA)***

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The Chamorro community performs at the inaugural International Festival of Cultures in Saipan in September 2014. All cultural groups represented in the Northern Mariana Islands are invited to contact the Marianas Visitors Authority to participate in the 2nd Annual International Festival of Cultures beginning Aug. 22, 2015.

Guam DOC completes probe on escape of Aliwis

The Guam Department of Corrections last June 30 completed its internal affairs investigation into the escape of detainee Meisy Aliwis on May 16, 2015.

Internal affairs investigation's preliminary findings placed nine people on administrative leave pending the disposition of the case due to their assigned responsibilities at the post where Aliwis was housed.

As the investigation continued, one officer was cleared of wrongdoing and the remaining eight officers were served notices of proposed adverse action, which resulted in the following—one officer resigned, five officers were suspended for 10 days beginning June 30, and two officers were terminated effective June 30.

The director and the deputy director of the Department of Corrections continue to affirm that any improprieties, professional misconduct or criminal conduct that occurs within the Department will be dealt with accordingly and all individuals will be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law.

For further information, contact deputy director Carla Borja at 735-5173. ***(PR)***

Guam residents: Seal incorrectly depicts traditional canoe

AGANA, Guam (AP)—Nearly 100 years after a woman named Helen Paul was inspired by a local artist and designed the flag and seal of Guam, some residents are saying that it incorrectly depicts an important cultural artifact.

The *Pacific Daily News* reports that a number of people on the island territory say the flying proa—a cornerstone of Guam's seafaring traditions—is drawn incorrectly on the seal.

One resident calling attention to the problem is Jose Martinez, secretary of Traditions Affirming our Seafaring Ancestry. He wants to see the flag fixed.

Martinez says a canoe shown in the seal is drawn incorrectly, with the outrigger on the wrong side. He says if the canoe were built that way, it wouldn't sail.

He compares it to drawing a car with triangle wheels.

Business

Price of imported eggs increases in CNMI

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Prices of imported eggs in the CNMI have increased this week.

According to Anna Cristobal of Yaong Corporation's sales department, one of the island's egg importers, the prices of eggs have been in an upward scale lately.

Last week, a 30 by one dozen tray of medium-sized eggs were sold at $81.30 by Yaong Corp. Large eggs were at $95.70 while extra large eggs where at $98.70.

But this week, medium-sized eggs are now at $85.20, large eggs are sold at $98.40 while extra large eggs hit the hundreds at $101.10 for 30 by one dozen trays.

These show price increase of around $3 to almost $4.

Yaong Corp. gets their eggs mainly from California and distributes them to various retailers, hotels, and restaurants on the island.

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Wholesale price of eggs on the island increased this week due to the U.S. mainland experiencing a supply shortage because of the avian flu that affected many poultry farms.

Retail

Like Yaong Corp., Joeten Supermarket also gets their eggs from California.

According to produce manager Gemma Villanueva, retail prices of eggs may increase of up to $1 per dozen starting next week.

Right now they still have the previous stock of eggs which are marked $3.39 per dozen for the large size and less than $3 dollars for the medium size.

"But we are almost out. We only have the large-sized ones now," Villanueva said.

According to Villanueva, the increase in the price of eggs is because of the avian flu in the mainland, which affected a lot of poultry farms including some in California. The need to kill hens that were affected by the virus resulted in egg shortages in different parts of the country.

Villanueva said they will also be notifying the public, explaining to them about the price increase as they may get shocked by the high price.

"This is like an extreme situation," Villanueva said, adding that they are projecting that prices of eggs may take months before it goes down again.

"They said that it will take two years to raise hens and to normalize the situation," she said.

However, she said that Joeten, despite the increase, will take consideration of their buyers and will not mark up eggs too high. She added that the community is still lucky to have the basic commodity.

"We're lucky because we still have eggs. In the U.S. there's a shortage already," Villanueva said.

Eurozone ministers set to weigh Greece's latest proposal

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Eurozone finance ministers were set to weigh Greece's latest proposal for aid Wednesday, hours after the country's international bailout expired without a deal, cutting it off from vital financing and deepening fears over whether it will be able to remain in the eurozone.

With its failure to repay the roughly 1.6 billion euros ($1.8 billion) to the IMF, Greece became the first developed country to fall into arrears on payments to the fund. The last country to do so was Zimbabwe in 2001.

Wednesday's teleconference of eurozone finance ministers was to take place after the ministers said late Tuesday there was no way they could reach a deal to extend the bailout for Greece before the midnight deadline.

"It would be crazy to extend the program," Dutch Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem, who heads the eurozone finance ministers' body known as the eurogroup, said late Tuesday. "So that cannot happen and will not happen."

As Greece's leaders pushed new terms for a possible third bailout, they also struggled to cope with the consequences of shutting banks and the stock market this week.

Authorities and citizens alike braced for long lines as a thousand bank branches around the country were ordered to reopen Wednesday to help desperate pensioners without ATM cards cash up to 120 euros ($134) from their retirement checks. The elderly have been hit particularly hard, with tens of thousands of pensions unpaid as of Tuesday afternoon.

The expiration of the international bailout followed a tense weekend during which Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras announced he would put a deal proposal by Greece's international creditors to a referendum on Sunday and urged a "No" vote.

Nike co-founder Knight will step down as chairman

NEW YORK (AP)—Nike Chairman Phil Knight, who turned a business selling shoes out of the back of his car into the world's most valuable sports brand, has announced plans to step down as company chairman.

Knight, 77, was a middle distance runner in college who began the company in a handshake deal with Oregon coach Bill Bowerman in 1964, with each putting up $500. With shrewd marketing campaigns built around celebrity endorsers like Michael Jordan and Tiger Woods, he made the swoosh one of the most recognizable logos around the globe.

That phenomenal growth also landed Knight on Forbes magazine's list of 50 richest people in the world, with a net worth estimated at $24 billion.

"For me, Nike has always been more than just a company—it has been my life's passion," Knight said in a statement.

Knight said he wants Nike President and CEO Mark Parker, who has held those positions since 2006, to succeed him. No specific date was set for Knight's departure, though he said he plans to stay involved in the business. Nike Inc. said it expects to name a new chairman in 2016.

Knight sold his first pairs of shoes out of an old Plymouth Valiant while traveling the same Pacific Northwest track circuit on which he once competed. The company was originally named Blue Ribbon Sports, but changed in 1978 to Nike—the winged goddess of victory in Greek mythology—on the advice of a friend.

Knight said at the time, "I don't love it, but it will grow on me."

By 1969, Knight was making enough selling shoes to quit his full-time job as an accountant and devote himself to the footwear company. Two years later, he paid $35 to Carolyn Davidson for the original swoosh logo design now plastered across the uniforms and shoes of athletes from the World Cup to little leagues. Building the brand through shrewd advertising campaigns and top-flight celebrity athlete endorsers like Jordan and Woods, he turned the company into what Forbes called the "most valuable sports brand in the world."

Nation

Same-sex marriage fight turns to clerks who refuse licenses

MOREHEAD, Ky. (AP)—Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis shut her blinds at work Tuesday to block the view of rainbow-clad protesters outside. They carried flowers and flags and signs saying "you don't own marriage." They chanted "do your job."

Moments later, she told a lesbian couple who walked in asking for a license to try another county.

Davis is among a handful of public officials across the Bible Belt so repulsed by the thought of enabling a same-sex marriage that they are defying the U.S. Supreme Court and refusing to issue a license to anyone, gay or straight.

"It's a deep-rooted conviction; my conscience won't allow me to do that," Davis told The Associated Press. "It goes against everything I hold dear, everything sacred in my life."

Some judges and clerks in Alabama and Texas have done the same, ordering their offices in the name of religious liberty and free speech to issue no marriage licenses at all.

Legal experts are dubious that religious freedom arguments will protect public officials who not only refuse to participate due to their own beliefs, but also decline to make accommodations so that others who don't object can serve the public instead.

Two things can happen if a Kentucky clerk won't issue a marriage license to a same-sex couple: They can resign, or go to jail, said Sam Marcosson, a constitutional law professor at the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville.

"If it means that you simply cannot fulfill your duties because of your religious beliefs, what is required of you is that you can no longer hold that office," Marcosson said. "That applies to a judge, that applies to a senator, that applies to anyone who holds public office."

Clerks and probate judges hold the keys to marriage in counties around the country, and in many rural areas, there are few alternatives for hundreds of miles. Couples turned away could seek a court order, and a clerk who still refuses to issue a license could be jailed for contempt, Marcosson said.

They also risk criminal official misconduct charges, said Warren County Attorney Ann Milliken, president of the Kentucky County Attorneys Association. The misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in jail, is committed when a public servant "refrains from performing a duty imposed upon him by law or clearly inherent in the nature of his office."

Official: Prison chief, 11 others put on leave after escape

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—The superintendent at the prison where two killers broke out has been placed on leave along with his security chief and 10 other staff members amid an internal investigation into how the inmates pulled it off, a state official said Tuesday.

The 12-member group is in addition to the guard and the prison tailor shop instructor who have been arrested on charges they helped the escapees.

Officials would not say what connection, if any, the 12 had to the June 6 escape from the maximum-security prison or the failure to prevent it.

Meanwhile, the surviving convict, David Sweat, claimed from his hospital bed that he used no power tools to cut his way out, contrary to what authorities have said.

Sweat was wounded and captured Sunday near the Canadian border after three weeks on the run. His accomplice, Richard Matt, was shot to death last week.

Steven Racette, the $132,000-a-year superintendent of the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, was removed along with Stephen Brown, deputy superintendent in charge of security, according to a state official who was briefed on the matter but wasn't authorized to discuss it publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. The 12 also include guards.

The Corrections Department said only that three executives and nine other staff members were placed on paid leave as part of a departmental review of the escape. It did not identify them. The department said it is bringing in new leadership.

Cherie Racette, the superintendent's wife, told the Adirondack Daily Enterprise he was given the option of taking a demotion or retiring and chose retirement. She said he and two deputies are being made scapegoats by Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

Brown did not immediately return a call for comment.

Sweat's condition was upgraded from serious to fair at the Albany hospital where he was taken after being shot twice by a state trooper.

Matt and Sweat cut holes in their cells and a steam pipe and made their way to a manhole outside in a breakout that embarrassed the Corrections Department, exposed a host of possible security lapses and set off a manhunt involving more than 1,000 law enforcement officers.

Top Obama aides knew about Clinton's private email in 2009

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senior Obama administration officials knew as early as 2009 that Hillary Rodham Clinton was using a private email address for her government correspondence.

White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel requested Clinton's email address on Sept. 5, 2009, according to one of some 3,000 pages of correspondence released by the State Department on Tuesday evening. His request came three months after top Obama strategist David Axelrod asked the same question of one of Clinton's top aides.

But it's unclear whether the officials realized Clinton, now the leading Democratic presidential candidate, was running her email from a server located in her Chappaqua, New York, home—a potential security risk and violation of administration policy.

Clinton's emails have become an issue in her early 2016 campaign, as Republicans accuse her of using a private account rather than the standard government address to avoid public scrutiny of her correspondence. As the controversy has continued, Clinton has seen ratings of her character and trustworthiness drop in polling.

The newly released emails show Clinton sent or received at least 12 messages in 2009 on her private email server that were later classified "confidential" by the U.S. government because officials said they contained activities relating to the intelligence community.

At least two dozen emails were also marked "sensitive but unclassified" at the time they were written, including a December 2009 message from top Clinton aide Huma Abedin about an explosion in Baghdad that killed 90.

Though Clinton has said her home system included "numerous safeguards," it's not clear if it used encryption software to communicate securely with government email services. That would have protected her communications from the prying eyes of foreign spies or hackers.

Asia

Myanmar fisherman goes home after 22 years as a slave

TUAL, Indonesia (AP)—All he did was ask to go home.

The last time the Burmese slave made the same request, he was beaten almost to death. But after being gone eight years and forced to work on a boat in far-away Indonesia, Myint Naing was willing to risk everything to see his mother again.

So he threw himself on the ground and begged for freedom. Instead, the captain vowed to kill him for trying to jump ship, and chained him for three days without food or water.

He was afraid he would disappear. And that his mother would have no idea where to look.

Myint is one of more than 800 current and former slaves rescued or repatriated after a year-long Associated Press investigation into pervasive labor abuses in Southeast Asia's fishing industry.

Thailand's booming seafood business alone runs on an estimated 200,000 migrant workers, many of them forced onto boats after being tricked, kidnapped or sold. It's a brutal trade that has operated for decades, with companies relying on slaves to supply fish to the United States, Europe and Japan—on dinner tables and in cat food bowls.

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In this May 16, 2015 photo, former slave fisherman Myint Naing and his mother, Khin Than, cry as they are reunited after 22 years at their village in Mon State, Myanmar.

Myint, his family and his friends recounted his story to AP, which also followed parts of his journey. It is strikingly similar to accounts given by many of the more than 330 current and former slaves from Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand interviewed in person or in writing by AP.

In 1993, a broker visited Myint's village in southern Myanmar with promises of jobs for young men in Thailand. Myint was only 18 years old, with no travel experience, but his family was desperate for money.

One-third of world's people still have no proper toilets

NEW DELHI (AP)—Toilets are taken for granted in the industrialized West, but still are a luxury for a third of the world's people who have no access to them, according to a report by the World Health Organization and UNICEF.

Those who make do without toilets continue to pollute water sources and jeopardize public health and safety for millions worldwide. That contributes to malnutrition and childhood stunting, impairing 161 million children both physically and mentally every year.

"Until everyone has access to adequate sanitation facilities, the quality of water supplies will be undermined and too many people will continue to die from waterborne and water-related diseases," WHO's public health department director, Dr. Maria Neira, said in a statement.

The joint report released Tuesday by the U.N. agencies evaluates progress on global targets set in 2000 for giving everyone access to clean drinking water and sanitation facilities, along with other goals in areas such as poverty, hunger, disease and inequality. With those benchmarks expiring this year, the United Nations is leading efforts to come up with a new set of "sustainable development goals" that are expected to focus on how some $2.5 trillion in development funds will be spent through 2030.

Past efforts to improve water and sanitation have seen some success, with 2.1 billion people gaining access to better sanitation facilities since 1990, according to the report. Yet, another 2.4 billion people have seen no improvement, including 946 million people still relieving themselves outdoors—the vast majority among the rural poor.

India is by far the worst culprit, with more than 640 million people defecating in the open, and not necessarily due to a lack of facilities. Many men who have installed toilets at home still prefer going outdoors as they survey their farmlands or seek a few minutes of quiet.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Top PH police chief ordered dismissed over contract

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines' anti-graft prosecutor on Tuesday ordered the national police chief and 10 other officers dismissed from the service for approving a contract to deliver gun licenses with a courier company that had no track record. Police Director General Allan Purisima and the other officers also are being investigated for possible criminal violations of the anti-corruption law, Ombudsman Conchita Carpio-Morales said in a statement. There was no immediate comment from Purisima and the others, who can still appeal the order. The officers had been under suspension for six months without pay since December. Purisima resigned in early February after 44 police commandos were killed in an operation that killed one of Asia's most-wanted terror suspects. He was allegedly involved in the operation despite his suspension.

Police: 141 bodies recovered from Indonesia plane crash

MEDAN, Indonesia (AP)—The death toll from the crash of an air force transport plane in the Indonesian city of Medan jumped to more than 140 on Wednesday, indicating a growing list of victims from the neighborhood where the plane went down. North Sumatra police major A. Tarigan told TVOne that 141 bodies have been recovered from the rubble of a residential area where the C-130 Hercules crashed shortly after takeoff on Tuesday. The air force says there were 122 people on the plane including military personnel and their families. The crash of the aircraft, which had been in service since 1964, occurred only two minutes after it took off from Soewondo air force base in Medan. It plowed into a building that local media said contained shops and homes.

Thousands expected at Hong Kong pro-democracy rally

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kongers are set to take to the streets Wednesday to renew their call for full democracy for the Asian financial hub in a rally that follows a turbulent year of protests over political reform. Organizers expect tens of thousands at the annual protest march, held on a public holiday marking Hong Kong's handover from British to Chinese rule. Local media reports say some 3,000 police will be deployed. The event comes seven months after the end of student-led protests that blocked streets in key districts for 79 days to demand free elections for the southern Chinese city's top leader.

World

Iran nuclear talks extended; Iranians meet key obligation

VIENNA (AP)—Pushing past a Tuesday deadline, world powers and Iran extended negotiations for a comprehensive nuclear agreement by a week as the U.N. nuclear agency prepared to announce Tehran had met a key condition—significantly reducing its stocks of enriched uranium that could be used for atomic weapons.

Iran's failure to comply would have severely undermined the negotiations, which are aimed at curbing the Iranians' nuclear program for a decade in exchange for tens of billions of dollars in relief from international economic sanctions

The State Department announced the extra days of talks only hours before the expiration of the target date for their completion. Thoughts of meeting the deadline had been long-abandoned, but the extension has added significance as it holds in place nuclear restrictions that Iran agreed to some 20 months ago as well as slightly eased conditions for Iranian business with the world.

Those preliminary measures have been prolonged to next Tuesday "to allow more time for negotiations to reach a long-term solution," spokeswoman Marie Harf said.? The statement came after U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry held a day of meetings in Vienna with the foreign ministers of Iran and Russia, and other key officials.

The day originally had been envisioned as the culmination of almost two years of secret and then public negotiations aimed at assuring the world Iran cannot produce nuclear weapons and providing the Iranian people a path of out of their international isolation. But officials said over the weekend they were nowhere near a final accord, and Iran's foreign minister had flown back to his capital for further consultations amid increased signs of backtracking by his country's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

In Washington, President Barack Obama said Tuesday there will be no nuclear deal with Iran if inspections and verification requirements are inadequate.

"I will walk away from the negotiations if, in fact, it's a bad deal," Obama said during a news conference with Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff.

Obama said it's still unclear whether Tehran can meet the commitments made in a preliminary deal struck in Switzerland in April.

"There has been a lot of talk on the other side from the Iranian negotiators about whether in fact they can abide by some of the terms that came up in Lausanne," Obama said. "If they cannot, that's going to be a problem."

As for Iran's reduction in its stockpile of enriched uranium, diplomats said the country had removed a potential hurdle that nuclear experts had been watching closely over the past several weeks.

IS fighters stage surprise attack on key Syrian border town

BEIRUT (AP)—Islamic State fighters on Tuesday launched a surprise attack on a Syrian border town recently seized by U.S.-backed Kurdish forces, taking positions in the eastern part of the town and waging fierce gun battles with its defenders, activists said.

The attack on Tal Abyad resembled another surprise assault by the IS group last week on the border town of Kobani, where Kurdish forces backed by U.S.-led airstrikes had driven out the extremists in January. The two attacks brutally displayed the extremists' resilience and signaled a possible change in tactics following a string of defeats at the hands of Kurdish forces.

Kurdish activist Mustafa Bali said Tuesday that IS fighters killed 233 people in Kobani, including 100 children, saying most of those killed were shot in cold blood, some inside their homes. He said 35 Kurdish fighters were killed following the June 25 attack.

Rami Abdurrahman, head of the Syrian Observatory of Human Rights, a U.K.-based monitoring group with a network of activists inside Syria, said 223 civilians were killed in Kobani, including "scores" of women and children, as well as 37 Kurdish fighters. It was not immediately possible to reconcile the slightly different tolls.

Kurdish fighters captured Tal Abyad two weeks ago -- denying the IS group a crucial border crossing used to bring in supplies and foreign fighters and causing immediate price hikes in areas under IS control. Backed by U.S.-led airstrikes, the Kurds then advanced south toward the extremist group's de facto capital, Raqqa.

But in Tuesday's surprise attack, IS fighters battled their way back into Tal Abyad, seizing the eastern Mashhour neighborhood, Abdurrahman said, adding that the extremists did not appear to have enough fighters to retake the whole town.

Egypt's president vows 'swift justice' after assassination

CAIRO (AP)—President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi vowed Tuesday to accelerate a crackdown on extremists and bring "swift justice" after the assassination of Egypt's chief prosecutor, raising the prospect of carrying out executions of senior Muslim Brotherhood figures, including the former president.

Pounding his fist as he spoke at the funeral of Prosecutor General Hisham Barakat, who oversaw the cases against thousands of Islamists, el-Sissi's comments seemed to signal an even tougher campaign on the Brotherhood and other government opponents.

Despite an international outcry against legal abuses and lack of due process, Egypt has waged a 2-year-old crackdown that has led to thousands of arrests, mass convictions and death sentences. Ousted President Mohammed Morsi is among those condemned to die.

El-Sissi said the government was ready to brush those criticisms aside and free the judiciary's hand for a "battle" the country is prepared to wage.

"The judiciary is restricted by laws, and swift justice is also restricted by laws. We will not wait for that," el-Sissi said.

Action will be taken within days "to enable us to execute the law, and bring justice as soon as possible," he said.

"We will stand in the face of the whole world, and fight the whole world," el-Sissi added.

In a thinly veiled reference to jailed members of the Brotherhood, el-Sissi blamed the violence on those "issuing orders from behind bars," and warned: "If there is a death sentence, it will be carried out."

Minister of Transitional Justice Ibrahim el-Henaidi said a draft anti-terrorism law will be submitted Wednesday to the Cabinet for final amendments. It gives prosecutors more powers to detain suspects for long period of time and enables authorities to inspect bank accounts of those facing terror-related charges, according to the Seventh Day newspaper.

Commenting on the new measures, rights lawyer Mohammed Zarie said: "I am afraid that swift justice will only jeopardize people's rights."

Life & Style

Trump files $500 million lawsuit as pageant woes mount

NEW YORK (AP)—As fallout built over Donald Trump's remarks about immigrants from Mexico, the Republican presidential candidate answered back with legal action to match his trademark brashness, filing a $500 million lawsuit.

The suit against Univision for dropping the Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants claims breach of contract, defamation and First Amendment violations, and contends Univision turned on him because it supports Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton for president.

In a statement, Univision called Trump's lawsuit "factually false and legally ridiculous." It said it will "continue to fight against Mr. Trump's ongoing efforts to run away from the derogatory comments he made."

Univision, which moved last week to opt out of Trump's pageants because of the celebrity businessman's remarks earlier this month, is now far from alone.

AP

In this June 16, 2015 file photo, real estate mogul Donald Trump delivers remarks during his announcement that he will run for president of the United States, in New York.

On Tuesday, a TV company backed by Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim said it was scrapping a project in development with him, and Mexico announced it won't be sending a contestant to the Miss Universe contest, which Slim partly owns.

Ora TV became the latest company to cut ties with Trump over his presidential campaign kickoff speech in which he declared that some Mexican immigrants bring drugs and crime to the U.S. and are rapists.

The company did not give any details about the project it had been developing with Trump. Slim holds a majority interest in Ora TV, which produces shows including "Larry King Now" and "Off the Grid with Jesse Ventura."

And a day after Televisa, the Mexican TV network that airs Miss Universe, said there would be no telecast for the next contest, Miss Mexico pageant director Lupita Jones said Mexico would boycott Miss Universe.

Jones said Trump damaged the pageant and its tradition of convening countries for an event that showcases "friendship, unity and breaking down cultural barriers."

NBC previously announced it would not air the Miss USA or Miss Universe pageants.

In a TV interview, Trump said contestants are suffering because of the backlash.

"We have 50 of the most lovely women you've ever seen right now in Louisiana, and they have been abandoned by NBC and abandoned by Univision," Trump said on Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor," adding, "They have been crushed."

Trump refused to back down from his campaign remarks, calling them "totally accurate."

The Miss USA pageant, set to take place July 12 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, also lost both its co-hosts Tuesday, with "Dancing with the Stars" Cheryl Burke and MSNBC anchor Thomas Roberts bowing out. The Miss USA pageant had no specifics on who might host in their place but said the proceedings would be live-streamed on its website.

Last week, the hosts of the Univision simulcast, Roselyn Sanchez and Cristian de la Fuente, said they wouldn't take part in the Spanish-language telecast.

Donna Karan stepping down as chief designer for her company

AP

In this Feb. 11, 2015 file photo, Donna Karan attends amfAR's Annual New York Honors Gala in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—Donna Karan will step down from daily duties as chief designer at her namesake company, Donna Karan International, to devote more time to her philanthropic foundation.

She'll remain a close adviser, according to a company statement released Tuesday.

Karan, 66, co-founded the company in 1984. It went public in 1996. And in 2001, LVMH Moet Hennessey Louis Vuitton invested and helped grow it globally. It now sells apparel, sportswear, accessories and shoes under the Donna Karan New York and DKNY brands.

The company said it will not immediately seek to replace Karan as designer, suspending runway shows and collections for a "period of time."

Karan, known for helping women streamline their look through basic pieces, expressed gratitude and "my deepest feelings" to colleagues.

"Donna Karan New York is a part of me, past, present and future," she said in the statement. "It has been an honor to speak woman to woman about seven easy pieces that forever changed the way women dress."

Reaction was swift as insiders lauded Karan as a visionary, with the Council of Fashion Designers of America tweeting: "The end of an era! Donna Karan departs DKI."

Karan said she made the decision after much "soul-searching," adding: "I have arrived at a point in my life where I need to spend more time to pursue my Urban Zen commitment to its fullest potential."

She was referring to Urban

REVIEW: In Winehouse doc 'Amy,' celebrity is the villain

By JAKE COYLE
AP FILM WRITER

Asif Kapadia's Amy Winehouse documentary "Amy" is a slow, tragic zoom out. It begins with the intimacy of home movies and ends in far-away paparazzi footage. Our VIP access has been revoked.

First seen as a bright-eyed 14-year-old girl singing a knockout "Happy Birthday," Winehouse gradually recedes from our view as her renown grows, obscured by a blizzard of flashes and a deadening haze of celebrity. Fame arrives like fate: a destiny foreshadowed by Winehouse's self-evident talent and her own ominous misgivings. "I would go mad," she says of fame before its tidal-wave arrival.

"Amy" is an exceptional, emotional portrait of a pop star who perished too young. But it is, more broadly, a clinical case study of celebrity's crushing onslaught and an indictment of its tabloid apparatus. It's a horror movie.

The ingredients of Winehouse's swift demise (she drank herself to death at age 27 in 2011), as seen in the film, are many: a broken family, her own self-destructiveness, a lack of timely intervention. But most haunting is the film's close-up of a toxic celebrity culture where out-of-control addicts are merely punchlines for late-night hosts.

Kapadia, a British filmmaker who started in fiction film, eschews talking heads. His tremendous documentary "Senna," about the Formula One racer Ayrton Senna, who

AP

In this image released by A24 Films, singer Amy Winehouse, right, appears in a scene from the film, "Amy."

died at 34, relied entirely on archival footage, and he's done the same with "Amy." It's an elegant, uncluttered approach that maintains closeness with the subject and gives "Amy" an unbroken drama.

Both films replace hagiography with evidence (archival video, audio testimony, even old voicemails), but the purity of Kapadia's aesthetics shouldn't be mistaken for perfect objectivity. He and editor Chris King have pointedly, expertly assembled snapshots of Winehouse's life to lend a particular view of it.

Cheryl Burke, Thomas Roberts won't host Miss USA

AP

In this June 24, 2015 file photo, Cheryl Burke arrives at the NBCUniversal New York Summer Press Day event at The Four Seasons Hotel in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—The Miss USA pageant has lost all of its co-hosts.

"Dancing with the Stars'" Cheryl Burke and MSNBC anchor Thomas Roberts said Tuesday they won't take part in the July 12 pageant after Donald Trump made remarks about Mexicans while announcing his run for president.

On Monday, NBC said it would cancel its Miss USA coverage and part ways with Trump, with whom it owns the pageant.

Last week, Univision canceled its Spanish simulcast following remarks Trump made in his recent presidential campaign kickoff speech that some Mexican immigrants bring drugs and crime to the U.S. and are rapists.

Both co-hosts of the Univision telecast, Roselyn Sanchez and Cristian de la Fuente, also said they wouldn't take part.

Jennifer Garner, Ben Affleck say they're getting divorce

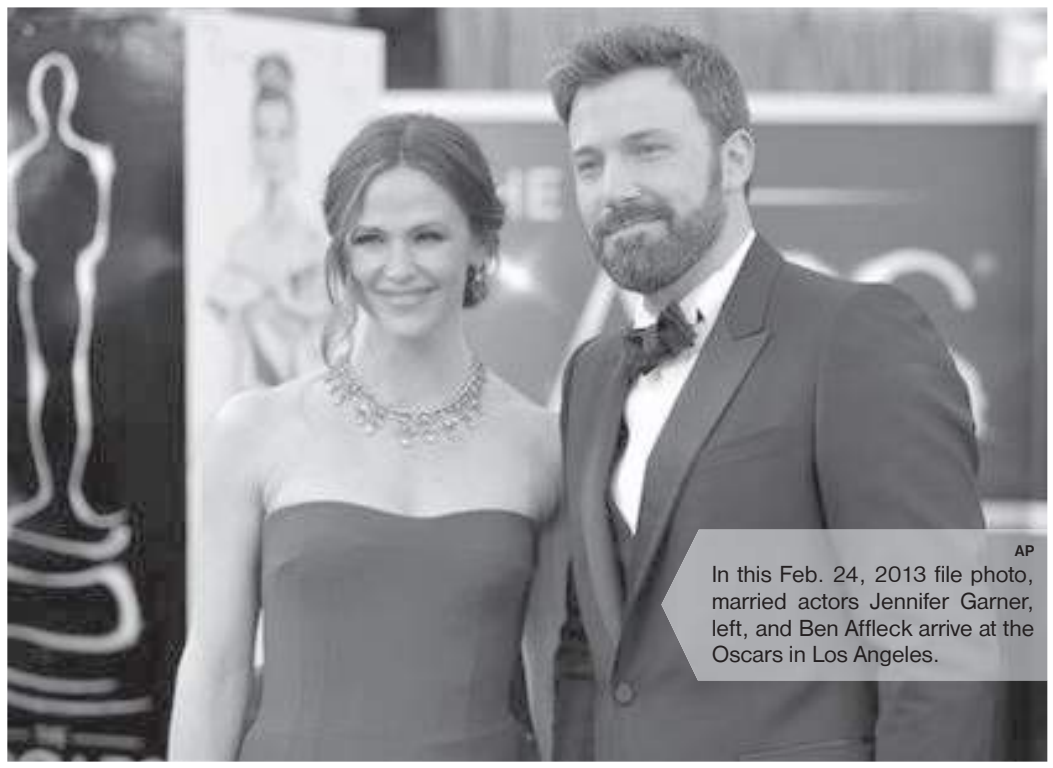
LOS ANGELES (AP)—As regulars at a local farmer's market, Ben Affleck, Jennifer Garner and their three young children looked like the perfect Hollywood family.

The stars took turns working so they could nurture their careers and their kids—devoted parents who appeared arm-in-arm at countless industry events.

"It's work, but it's the best kind of work," Affleck famously said of his marriage to Garner when he accepted the best picture Oscar for "Argo."

Now, it seems the work is done. After weeks of public speculation about their relationship, the couple announced Tuesday they plan to end their 10-year marriage with a divorce.

"We go forward with love and friendship for one another and a commitment to co-parenting our children," Garner and Affleck said in a joint statement. "This will be our only comment on this private, family matter."



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In this Feb. 24, 2013 file photo, married actors Jennifer Garner, left, and Ben Affleck arrive at the Oscars in Los Angeles.

Affleck will continue to live on the couple's property in a separate house, and they will co-parent their children Violet, Seraphina and Samuel, according to a person familiar with the situation who was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The couple is also planning to go to a mediator to settle their divorce, the person said.

Just last fall, Garner and Affleck were praising each other's commitment to family, career and philanthropic causes.

Affleck, 42, said he's grateful Garner takes on the "lion's share" of their family responsibilities.

"She's been really smart about choosing her projects," he said at a November 2014 gala. "They're not so time-consuming that she can't do this work and be there for our kids, which is the most important thing to her."

Garner, 43, said at the same event that she and Affleck were selective about the causes they support.

"We don't scatter our energy around," she said.

The two met while making 2003's "Daredevil," in which they both played superheroes. They wed in 2005.

Affleck expanded from acting to directing during their relationship, earning accolades for his 2007 debut feature, "Gone Baby Gone," and 2010's "The Town," before winning best picture for 2012's "Argo." He starred in the 2014 hit "Gone Girl" and will be playing the caped crusader in next year's "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice."

UK: Royal Opera defends 'distressing' rape scene after boos

LONDON (AP)—Britain's Royal Opera says it's sorry for causing distress but the show will go on after a rape scene in "Guillaume Tell" sparked boos and walkouts.

Director Damiano Michieletto's production of the 1829 Gioachino Rossini opera about Swiss apple-skewerer William Tell includes a scene in which soldiers strip a woman naked and assault her.

The sequence prompted loud boos at Monday's opening-night performance.

The Guardian's Tim Ashley found the scene "protracted and pruriently voyeuristic," while critic Richard Morrison in The Times called it "inexcusably nasty."

The company's director of opera, Kasper Holten, said the scene "puts the spotlight on the brutal reality of women being abused during wartime." He said it was meant to be uncomfortable to watch, but "we are sorry if some people have found this distressing."

Some audience members and critics were more appreciative. In London's Evening Standard, Barry Millington called it a flawed but powerful production, and said the rape scene was "sickening, but not, in the context, gratuitous."

Singer caught in property dispute between nuns, archdiocese

AP
In this Feb. 8, 2015 file photo, Katy Perry arrives at the 57th annual Grammy Awards at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Katy Perry is caught in a property dispute between a group of elderly nuns and the Los Angeles Archdiocese over who owns a hilltop convent overlooking Hollywood. The singer is named in a recent lawsuit over the scenic property in the Los Feliz neighborhood.

The dispute centers on who is authorized to sell the convent. The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary say the building is theirs, and they've sold it to a local restaurateur, Dana Hollister, who has already moved in.

In a June 19 lawsuit, the archdiocese claims it is responsible for selling the property, and plans a $14.5 million deal with another buyer. The defendants in the suit say that buyer is Perry. A spokeswoman for the entertainer did not respond to inquiries from The Associated Press.

The archdiocese released a statement Monday saying it has taken legal action to prevent Hollister from assuming control of the property, claiming the sale was unauthorized. A spokeswoman for the archdiocese declined to name its proposed buyer.

Hollister's attorney, Randy Snyder, says the dispute has nothing to do with Perry, but rather is a battle between the diocese and the nuns.

No bail for Journey drummer Deen Castronovo on rape charge

AP
This Sunday, June 14, 2015 file booking photo provided by the Marion County Sheriff's office taken shows Deen Castronovo, drummer for rock band Journey, in Salem, Ore.

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Journey drummer Deen Castronovo will remain in an Oregon jail on rape and other felony charges after prosecutors said he repeatedly violated a court order by calling and texting the victim with messages that included suicide threats and apologies.

Prosecutors told a Marion County judge Tuesday that the 50-year-old musician contacted the woman after his arrest in Salem on June 14, when he was accused of misdemeanor assault and menacing. He was released on bail in that case and ordered to stay away from the victim.

He now faces felony charges after a grand jury returned the indictment Monday.

Marion County Judge Audrey Broyles declined to set bail after prosecutors said Castronovo texted the woman 122 times and called her 35 times and presents a threat to the woman if he's released.

Marion County Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Gardiner said Castronovo acknowledged his abuse in the texts and even told the woman to get a restraining order. Castronovo, "quite frankly, is unstable," Gardiner said.

Readers defend parents who disapprove of cohabitation

DEAR READERS: On May 5, I printed a letter from a parent, "Against the Tide in New Jersey." He said his "independent, intelligent, loving" daughters (both in their late 20s) have dated their boyfriends for five years and had recently moved in with them. The man also said he and his wife approve of the young men.

One daughter is planning to have an open house and invited her parents. The writer said his daughter is upset because he and his wife refuse to attend because cohabitation is against their beliefs. He said he and his wife "understand her decision," but their daughter doesn't appear to respect theirs. He asked, "Are we wrong?"

I responded yes, because it's no longer unusual for couples to cohabit before marriage. I asked how long they plan to continue punishing the daughter and said I don't think they have anything to gain by doing so. Thousands of angry readers wrote to comment. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Cohabitation is NOT a substitute for matrimony. I realize it is "not unusual for couples today to live together." However, you must certainly be aware that many religious people regard doing so as a sin against God. Should the parents compromise their beliefs to attend, simply because their daughter's relationship is "progressing nicely"? Why do you feel that standing up for their beliefs is "punishing" their daughter and her live-in? I wish you would address this again.

DIANNE IN LUBBOCK, TEXAS

DEAR DIANNE: I try to deal with things as they are, and not as some people think they ought to be. Today many couples have chosen to live together before marriage. Some are trying to avoid the unhappiness they saw in their parents' marriages. Others realize that you don't really know someone until you have lived with him or her. Divorce is messy, not to mention expensive on many levels, and they want to avoid the pain if possible—although few separations are painless.

I believe that parents should choose their battles carefully after their children become adults. What these parents are doing may eventually isolate them from their daughters. Acting as they are, there may be other happy occasions they'll be skipping. This one is just the first.

DEAR ABBY: If the letter writer and his wife accept an invitation to someone's house, do they check first to make sure their hosts share their "values," that they vote the same way, are against gay marriage, have the same religious beliefs? If they don't take that same care with everyone they know, they are being unfair to their daughters.

For five years they were apparently comfortable with the daughters living at home or in their own apartments and having sex with their boyfriends on the sly. Now that the young women are honestly acknowledging the sexual relationship and formalizing it by living together openly, suddenly there's a problem. There's a stench of hypocrisy here.

ONLINE DEAR ABBY READER

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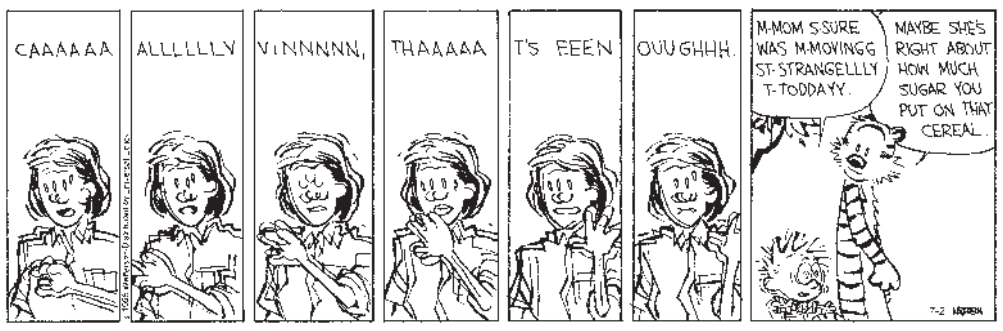

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By Jim Davis

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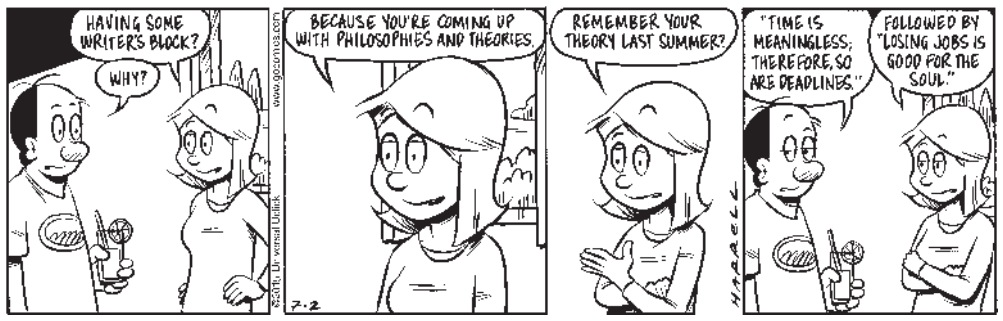
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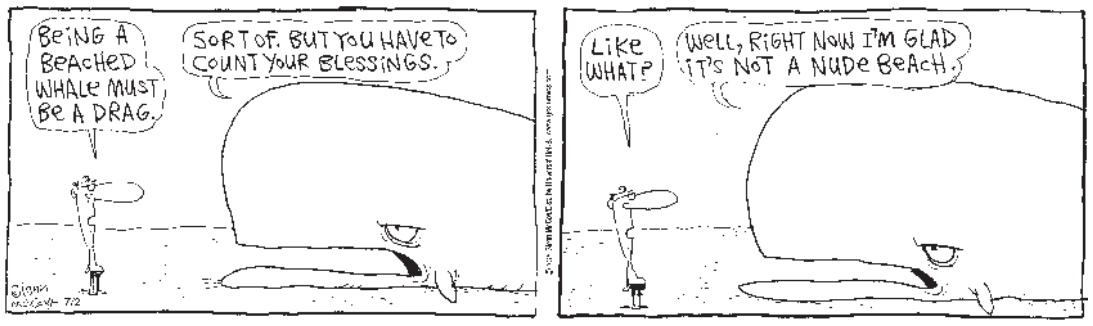
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy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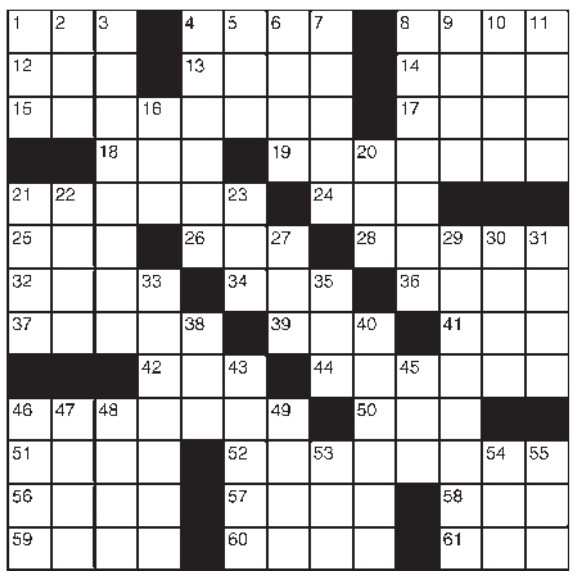

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Big names, big markets in pursuit as free agency opens

NEW YORK (AP)—Big names, big bucks and big markets in pursuit.

NBA free agency opened with Anthony Davis agreeing to an extension worth more than $140 million in New Orleans and the Los Angeles Lakers and New York Knicks among the teams looking for a dominant inside force of their own.

All-Stars LaMarcus Aldridge of Portland and Marc Gasol of Memphis lead the list of bigs that includes DeAndre Jordan of the Clippers, Tyson Chandler of Dallas, and twins Brook Lopez of the Nets and Robin Lopez of Portland.

Dwyane Wade has to decide if he wants to stay in Miami, Rajon Rondo will leave Dallas, and count on the Lakers being linked to many of the marquee names as they try to bring what was long a perennial contender back to prominence after two straight miserable seasons.

The market opened just after midnight EDT on Wednesday - 9:01 p.m. in Los Angeles - and the Lakers wasted no time talking to their top target, tweeting that general manager Mitch Kupchak was walking into a meeting with Aldridge and adding (hash) LAtoLA.

Gasol is expected to stay, Aldridge is considered a candidate to leave and Jordan is somewhere in the middle. He will meet with the Mavericks, Lakers, Clippers and Knicks, according to a person with direct knowledge of the plans who spoke on condition of anonymity because the center's agenda was not being revealed publicly.

Players can agree to deals at any time but can't sign until July 9, after a moratorium period while next season's salary cap that's expected to be around $68 million is set.

That's when Davis will know the exact value of the extension he agreed upon, which was confirmed to AP by a person with knowledge of the details. Davis tweeted: "NOLA, I am here to stay! Just getting started."

Anthony Davis, right, agreed to an extension worth more than $140 million with New Orleans. AP

The Lakers and Knicks have holes all over their rosters, but it's not just the bad teams who will be busy.

The Cleveland Cavaliers will try to keep Kevin Love and Tristan Thompson, the backup who played so well in helping them reach the NBA Finals after Love was lost to a shoulder injury in the first round of the playoffs.

They also have to re-sign LeBron James, but that's expected to be a formality once they've completed some other business. He opted for free agency mostly to maximize his earning potential, not because he's looking to leave after returning home to Ohio as the major move of last year's free agency period.

San Antonio, out in the first round after winning the 2014 title, is one of the many teams interested in Aldridge and will look to re-sign Kawhi Leonard, NBA Finals MVP last year.

The other Texas teams will be active—as always—during free agency, with Houston looking to strengthen its Western Conference finals team and Dallas trying to assemble one that can get there.

Both teams attempted to pry Carmelo Anthony away from New York last year before he opted to remain with the Knicks. This year the Knicks, with salary cap space that wasn't available last year, are going on the offensive.

"I don't think we could make any decisions until we knew that Carmelo was returning to our team," coach Derek Fisher said. "This year we don't have that concern in terms of contractually where he is. He's with us."

But he needs a lot more help and the Knicks have the ability to get it, with more than $25 million to spend. The priority is a big man, though they could use just about everything after a franchise-worst 17-65 season.

If they can't get one of the centers, Detroit's Greg Monroe and Indiana's David West are quality power forwards on the market.

The Heat are trying to keep their backcourt together and hope to agree to a deal with Goran Dragic that could pay him $90 million or more. But all eyes in Miami are on Wade, who has met twice with Heat leadership in recent days to discuss his future, though it remains far from a cinch that he comes back to Miami for a 13th season. He will likely wait before deciding anything and see what offers come from other clubs, a list that could include the Lakers, Knicks and possibly the Atlanta Hawks—Wade's wife, actress Gabrielle Union, often works in Atlanta.

The Hawks also will work to keep Paul Millsap and De-Marre Carroll, two keys to their team that won a franchise-record 60 games.

Bouchard, Halep lose Wimbledon openers; Federer, Nadal win

LONDON (AP)—A year ago at Wimbledon, Eugenie Bouchard and Simona Halep met in a semifinal showcasing two of tennis' up-and-coming stars.

Bouchard was only 20, Halep 22. Bouchard won that matchup to reach a Grand Slam final in the sixth major tournament of her career, a month after Halep was the runner-up at the French Open.

Back at the All England Club on Tuesday, both women lost in the first round to opponents ranked outside the top 100. For Bouchard, also a semifinalist at the Australian Open and French Open in 2014, it was the latest setback in a season full of them, including 12 losses in her past 14 matches.

"It's been a huge learning process to have great results and then have, you know, so much attention, then have bad results. Just learning about the ups and downs of life and tennis, how things won't always go perfectly, like I expect them to," said Bouchard, who said a torn abdominal muscle limited her practice time leading into the match.

"I'm always trying to keep the belief and stay true to myself and do what I need to do to become as good as I know I can be. So it's really just been kind of eye-opening, a learning experience," she added, resting her chin on her right hand, then added with a laugh: "But I'm good for the learning experience to be over now."

Her 7-6 (3), 6-4 exit against 117th-ranked qualifier Duan Ying-Ying of China made the 12th-seeded Bouchard the first Wimbledon finalist to lose her opening match at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament the following year since Steffi Graf in 1994.

The No. 3-seeded Halep was treated by a trainer for a lost toenail late in the first set of what would become a 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 defeat against 106th-ranked Jana Cepelova of Slovakia.

"I knew it would be a difficult tournament for me," Halep said, explaining that her confidence was low because of poor recent results. "But I didn't expect to lose in (the) first round."

Highly seeded players rarely do anticipate that sort of quick departure, of course, and four past Wimbledon champions in action Tuesday all won in straight sets as the sun, unobstructed by clouds, brought the temperature to about 85 degrees (30 Celsius).

Petra Kvitova, who beat Bouchard for the 2014 title, won 28 of 29 points on her serve - a double-fault in the final game was the lone blemish - in a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Kiki Bertens that required all of 35 minutes.

The second-seeded Kvitova, who is from the Czech Republic, said her parents made the trip for her first-round match, but will be heading home right away.

"I have to say `Sorry' to them" for such a short match Tuesday, Kvitova joked.

Seven-time champion Roger Federer, two-time winner Rafael Nadal, and 2013 champion Andy Murray also advanced easily to the second round.

Against Duan, Bouchard double-faulted 10 times and said her muscle problem, which was taped Tuesday, didn't so much affect her strokes as it prevented her from preparing properly. She pulled out of a tuneup tournament at Eastbourne last week because of the injury.

"Probably wouldn't have been smart to play here, but I couldn't pass on Wimbledon," said Bouchard, the only Canadian to reach a Grand Slam singles final. "In my head, it was no question I was going to play, even though I was advised not to. It's just the way I am. It's so hard to be forced not to play tennis, especially at Wimbledon."

Duan lost all four previous matches she'd played at majors, has never been past the quarterfinals at any tour-level event and never before defeated anyone ranked higher than 75th.

"I didn't know who she was," said Bouchard, who went 19-4 in Slam matches last year but is now 4-3 in 2015 and will fall out of the top 20 in the rankings after Wimbledon.

Bouchard began working this season with coach Sam Sumyk after splitting with Nick Saviano and was asked whether she's considered making changes to her team.

"Maybe I should," Bouchard replied with a chuckle. "We've definitely not started well at all. But I believe in him and he believes in me. As of right now, it's still the plan. But there definitely has to be some improvement, some changes, because I expect to do a little better than this."

Sale ties strikeout record, White Sox edge Cards

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Chris Sale forced another avalanche of swings and misses. Helping at the bat, was an unexpected bonus.

The Chicago White Sox lefty matched a major league record by striking out at least 10 in eight straight starts. In his 100th start he also got his first career hit and scored his first career run.

"I got to do a few things I normally don't do," Sale said after the White Sox outlasted the St. Louis Cardinals 2-1 in 11 innings on a home run by Tyler Flowers. "It was fun, it was cool."

Sale struck out 12 in eight innings. The lefty tied the mark set by Pedro Martinez in 1999 with Boston and gets a chance to break it this weekend at home against the Blue Jays—not that he's paying much attention.

"Those kinds of things don't really matter to me," Sale said. "You start worrying about that stuff right now and we won't be talking about it anymore, that's for sure."

Flowers, the White Sox catcher, said it'll be a surprise the next time Sale doesn't reach double digits in strikeouts.

"If he executes pitches he's hard to catch, much less trying to hit," Flowers said. "I don't see any reason why he can't continue to put up these kind of strikeouts and these numbers."

The White Sox ace had fanned every hitter in the St. Louis lineup by the end of the sixth. He is 0-2 with two no-decisions during the last four games of his streak, getting only four runs of support.

Flowers hit his sixth homer with two outs in the 11th. He connected off Miguel Socolovich (2-1), pitching for the first time in nine days.

"It felt good coming off the bat, it felt good running around the bases," Flowers said. "You don't want to waste those opportunities. Sale did a great job, the bullpen did a good job of giving us a chance."

Socolovich wanted the pitch out of the strike zone, "but I think I left it on the plate and he put a good swing on it."

Daniel Webb (1-0) got the win and David Robertson earned his 16th save in 20 chances.

Randal Grichuk homered into Big Mac Land and doubled for the Cardinals, whose nine-game home winning streak ended.

AP

Chicago White Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, in St. Louis.

Rangers 8, Orioles 6

In Baltimore, Mitch Moreland hit two home runs for the second straight game, and the Rangers celebrated the return of Josh Hamilton with a road win.

Shin-Soo Choo and Robinson Chirinos also went deep for the Rangers, who have hit eight home runs in the first two games of the series.

Moreland homered with a man on in the second and eighth innings. He leads Texas with 14 homers and ranks second with 43 RBI.

Hamilton hit two singles and made a nice running catch of a sinking liner to left field in his eighth game of the season. The free-swinging slugger had been sidelined since May 31 with a strained left hamstring.

Chris Davis hit two home runs for Baltimore and Manny Machado added a solo shot. Miguel Gonzalez (6-5) got the loss.

Colby Lewis (8-3) improved to 4-0 in six starts since May 27. Shawn Tolleson earned his 11th save.

Astros 4, Royals 0

In Houston, Dallas Keuchel allowed seven hits in eight innings to lead Houston to the victory.

The performance comes after Keuchel (10-3) threw a six-hit shutout in a win over the New York Yankees in his previous start. Keuchel struck out seven while lowering his ERA to 2.03.

George Springer had a two-run homer in the third inning. Jose Altuve drove in a run in the fifth to help Houston to the victory.

The Astros have taken the first two games of this matchup of teams with the best records in the American League. Houston is 46-34 and Kansas City is 44-30.

Kansas City starter Danny Duffy (2-4) allowed six hits and four runs in 6 2/3 innings in his second start since returning from the disabled list.

Pirates 5, Tigers 4, 14 innings

In Detroit, Neil Walker's RBI double in the 14th inning lifted Pittsburgh to the win.

The Pirates took the lead in that inning despite a massive baserunning mistake. With one out and a runner on first, Josh Harrison doubled, but Gorkys Hernandez retreated, thinking Rajai Davis had made a diving catch.

After being urged on by Harrison, Hernandez then broke for third, but didn't retouch second, and was out on a Tigers appeal. Walker followed with an RBI double off Tom Gorzelanny (1-2) to make it 5-4, but the Hernandez mistake cost the Pirates a run.

Ian Kinsler and Miguel Cabrera hit back-to-back singles with one out in the bottom of the inning, but Victor Martinez hit into a game-ending double play.

Deolis Guerra (1-0) picked up his first major league win with three scoreless innings.

Angels 2, Yankees 1

In Anaheim, Andrew Heaney pitched seven innings of two-hit ball in the Angels' fourth straight win, and Albert Pujols and Erick Aybar hit back-to-back homers in the sixth.

The Angels have won six of eight on their nine-game homestand. Los Angeles (41-37) heads into July four games above .500 for the first time since June 1.

Pujols hit his AL-leading 24th homer and set an Angels record with his 13th homer of a spectacular month.

Mark Teixeira homered for the Yankees, who have lost seven of 10. Ivan Nova (1-1) got the loss.

Heaney (1-0) walked two and struck out seven, allowing just one runner to reach second base.

Cubs 1, Mets 0

In New York, Kyle Hendricks outpitched Jonathon Niese in a matchup of feeble offenses, and the Cubs stopped a five-game skid.

Hendricks (3-4) struck out six in six innings and combined with three relievers on a three-hitter. Jason Motte earned his third save.

Matt Szczur had an RBI double in the sixth for the Cubs, who scored just six runs during their losing streak.

Niese (3-8) allowed four hits in seven innings. He struck out five and walked four.

The Mets had won four in a row.

Marlins 5, Giants 3

In Miami, major league batting leader Dee Gordon hit the first inside-the-park homer in the four-year history of Marlins Park, and the three-run shot helped Miami to the win.

Justin Bour also homered for the Marlins, giving a welcome jolt of power to a team without injured slugger Giancarlo Stanton.

Buster Posey hit his 12th homer for the Giants. He has 18 RBI in his past 10 games.

Mat Latos (3-5) gave up three runs, two earned, in six innings for Miami. A.J. Ramos pitched a perfect ninth for his 11th save.

San Francisco's Ryan Vogelsong (6-6) allowed four runs in six innings.

Red Sox 4, Blue Jays 3

In Toronto, David Ortiz and Jackie Bradley Jr. hit solo home runs in Boston's third straight win, and Eduardo Rodriguez pitched six solid innings.

The Red Sox matched their longest winning streak of the season.

Rodriguez (4-2) gave up one run and four hits, slowing down the top-scoring team in the majors. Tommy Layne gave up a two-run homer to Jose Reyes in the seventh, Alexi Ogando got four outs and Koji Uehara finished for his 18th save.

Marco Estrada (5-4) allowed four runs, two earned, and three hits in 2 1/3 innings in his shortest start of the season. He had taken no-hit bids into the eighth in each of his previous two starts.

Nationals 6, Braves 1

In Atlanta, Jordan Zimmermann took a shutout into the eighth inning, and Washington continued its season-long dominance of the division rivalry.

The NL East-leading Nationals have won nine straight games in the season series with the Braves—including a three-game sweep at Washington last week.

Zimmermann (6-5) ended a streak of three losses since his last win on June 2. He allowed six hits in 7 2/3 innings.

Clint Robinson hit a two-run homer to cap Washington's four-run first inning off Shelby Miller (5-4).

Juan Uribe opened the ninth with a homer off former Braves reliever David Carpenter.

Indians 6, Rays 2

In St. Petersburg, Danny Salazar pitched two-hit ball for 7 2/3 innings, and the Indians backed him with three home runs.

Jason Kipnis, Giovanny Urshela and David Murphy connected for Cleveland, sending Tampa Bay to its third straight loss.

Facing the Rays for the first time since losing in the 2013 AL wild-card game, Salazar (7-3) allowed one earned run and struck out two. He won for the first time in four starts.

Erasmo Ramirez (6-3) lost for the first time in six starts.

Brewers 4, Phillies 3

In Philadelphia, Aramis Ramirez drove in three runs and Ryan Braun had four hits, leading Milwaukee to the road win.

Hernan Perez had two hits, including a triple, for the Brewers, who have won six of eight. Neal Cotts (1-0) got the win, and Francisco Rodriguez earned his 17th save.

Carlos Ruiz homered for Philadelphia, which has lost five of six to drop its major league-worst record to 27-52.

Before the game, the Phillies said Pete Mackanin will remain their manager for the rest of the season. Mackanin took over on an interim basis last Friday after Ryne Sandberg resigned.

Ken Giles (3-2) got the loss in relief of Cole Hamels, who pitched seven solid innings.

Mariners 5, Padres 0

In San Diego, Seattle rookie Mike Montgomery took a no-hit bid into the seventh inning and finished with a one-hitter for his second straight shutout.

Making his sixth major league start, Montgomery opened the seventh by getting Justin Upton on a fly to left. Yangervis Solarte hit Montgomery's next pitch into the left-field corner for a double.

Montgomery (3-2) struck out seven, walked four and hit a batter. He threw a career-high 113 pitches.

The Padres were shut out for the 12th time and have lost five of eight.

Brad Miller and Mike Zunino homered off Ian Kennedy (4-7).

Twins 8, Reds 5

In Cincinnati, Torii Hunter homered again after a long delay at the start of the game, and Phil Hughes got his third straight victory for Minnesota.

The start was delayed 2 hours, 1 minute because a storm was headed toward the ballpark. The storm dissolved on the way.

Hunter got the Twins going by hitting a solo drive in the first inning off Anthony DeSclafani (5-6) for his fourth homer in the last four games.

Hughes (7-6) gave up solo homers by Eugenio Suarez and Marlon Byrd, leaving in the seventh inning with the Twins up 7-2. Glen Perkins gave up a walk in the ninth while getting his 25th consecutive save, the second-longest streak in Twins history.

US heads to World Cup final with 2-0 win over Germany

MONTREAL (AP)—Carli Lloyd remembers putting the ball on its spot and shutting out the noise of more than 51,000 anxious fans.

Then she blasted that ball into the back of the net.

Lloyd's penalty kick got the United States on the board, and the Americans went on to a 2-0 victory over top-ranked Germany in the semifinals of the Women's World Cup on Tuesday night.

"That's exactly what I did, shut out everything around me and focused on what I needed to do," she said.

Lloyd's penalty kick in the 69th minute went into the right side of the goal less than 10 minutes after Celia Sasic shot wide on a penalty kick for Germany. Kelley O'Hara came in off the bench and scored in the 85th minute, delighting the pro-American crowd.

Hope Solo posted her fifth straight shutout, continuing a dominant run for the American defense. The second-ranked United States has gone 513 minutes without conceding a goal.

The victory captured the attention of President Barack Obama, who posted his congratulations on his Twitter account. Actor and musician Justin Timberlake also cheered on the U.S., tweeting "USA! USA! USA!!!!!"

AP

Germany's Alexandra Popp (18) and United States' Carli Lloyd (10) compete for a head ball during the first half of a semifinal in the Women's World Cup soccer tournament, Tuesday, June 30, 2015, in Montreal, Canada.

Next up for the U.S. is the winner of Wednesday night's match in Edmonton between defending champion Japan, ranked No. 4, and sixth-ranked England. Germany will play the loser of the second semifinal in the third-place game in Edmonton on Saturday.

The final is set for Sunday at Vancouver's BC Place.

"We didn't come here just to make the final," Lloyd said. "We came here to win it, so we're going to go after it."

It was the fourth World Cup meeting between Germany and the U.S. In each of the first three games, the winner went on to take the title.

The marquee matchup led to lines of fans waiting to get in about three hours before the game. The line for the main souvenir stand snaked up a half-dozen ramps to the building's third level at one point.

The stadium built for the 1976 Olympics, where the East German men won the gold medal, was filled nearly to its blue fabric roof, mostly with fans cheering for the United States. The crowd was announced at 51,176.

Previous games in Montreal had the stadium less than half full, with the upper bowl completely empty.

The United States had several good chances from the start. Julie Johnston missed on a header off a corner kick from Megan Rapinoe, and Alex Morgan's breakaway in the 15th minute was stopped by goaltender Nadine Angerer.

There was a scary moment in the first half when Germany's Alexandra Popp and American midfielder Morgan Brian collided in front of the U.S. goal following a free kick from about 25 yards out.

Television cameras caught blood in Popp's hair, and Brian was prone on the field for several minutes. Both players returned to the match.

Sasic's penalty kick came after Johnston fouled Popp in the box. Sasic fooled Solo, who went right, but her kick went wide left, prompting a roar from the crowd.

Sasic went into the match as the tournament's high scorer with six goals.

Shortly thereafter, Annike Krahn got a yellow card for fouling Morgan in the box, but replays showed it occurred just outside. Lloyd's penalty kick was her third goal in three matches.

"Of course, I'm very, very sad about this, that this penalty shot decided the match," German coach Silvia Neid said. "What am I going to do though? A referee decision is something I have to live with. I am very sad about it, but I cannot change it."

BANMI wants to go ahead with Lib Day caging

Basketball Association on Northern Mariana Islands wanted to push through with the 2015 Liberation Day Tournament despite the likely absence of the Andersen Bombers.

Tournament director Elias Rangamar said the Bombers are supposed to join the July 2 to July 5 competition, but the visiting squad informed him yesterday that they may not be able to make the Saipan trip due to flight availability.

In an email to Rangamar, a representative from the Anderson Bombers said that they are having difficulty securing a flight back to Guam on July 6. The representative added they were scheduled to have practice last night and make the final decision about their participation in the tournament.

Pending the formal withdrawal from the Bombers, Rangamar said they want to go ahead with the tournament.

"I would still like to see our open men's division go on as planned so we can gauge where we are at but most importantly get some basketball action going. I will reduce the entry fee from $100 to $50," Rangamar said in an email sent to the interested teams.

The men's open division has four squads in the Bombers, Hoops, Ol'Aces, and the Junior Ol'Aces, while the junior category features the Marianas Dolphins Marianas-Alu'u, Marianas Tataga, and Women's National. Each division has a pool play format with the Top 2 teams advancing to the finals.

Teams had until last night to confirm their participation. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

Minor changes in ROP 18 fight card

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REPORTER

Changes were made on the fight card of Rites of Passage 18: Warpath set at 7pm this Friday at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall.

The fighters were replaced or the fight was cancelled in four of the 15 bouts scheduled this weekend.

Daniel "Flowmotion" Floor, who is supposed to fight Jones Langu of Red Ants Academy, will now duel Trench Tech's Jeff Garcia in one of three kickboxing bouts. , Garcia was initially set to face Steve Paul.

"Shiska" Bob Alvarez is slated to meet Independent fighter John Tudela but will now take on his cousin Roman "Sonic Boom" Alvarez in a grappling exhibition match. Andrew "Shotgun" Sablan (Independent), who is scheduled to clash with Ricky "2Slick" Camp in a 135-pound bout, is now a standby fighter along with Derick Naog.

The rest of the fight cards remain the same with Miura Yasua of Sendokai Nagano challenging hometown hero Frank "The Crank" Camacho in the main event.

The Camacho-Yasua non-title bout will be preceded by the match between High Blood Pressure's Ernie Santos against Trench Tech's Jordan "The Machine Gun" Manglona for the flyweight belt, while Guam Muay Thai's Eric "Gatty" Gatmen takes on another Trench Tech fighter in Ning "The Slicer" Cepeda for the lightweight crown.

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moved to second on a passed ball, with an RBI double. Henry Lizama had a high fly ball to center to end the inning.

In the fourth inning, Aguon got on base on a fielding error by Guam shortstop Reed Seman before reaching home on a Roke Tenorio RBI single.

Ethan Babauta pitched two innings in start as he held Guam to two hits while striking out one batter. He both had 1-2-3 innings, highlighted by a double play in the bottom of the first.

Nathan Camacho and Franco Nakamura combined for four shutout innings as they held Guam to two hits while fanning six and walking one batter.

Aguon closed out for Team CNMI as he forced Jared Flores to an infield fly, while Athan Yatar grounded to first baseman Camacho. Aguon struck out Jarred Sarrosa to seal CNMI's fourth straight win, while Guam dropped to an even 2-2 record.

Secharmidal went 2-for-4 with a double and one run, while Tenorio scored once on a 2-for-4 plate appearance.

Philippines 12, Hong Kong 5

In the other Senior League game, the Philippines bounced back from a 6-12 loss to Guam when it kept Hong Kong winless.

Luis Minana tossed five innings in relief where he was tagged with all the earned runs on nine hits, while fanning five and walking two.

Team Philippines got 10 hits against Hong Kong pitchers Major Lee and Wilson Yiu with Daniel Magsadia blasting a two-run inside-the-park homer in a four-run second inning.

JUNIOR LEAGUE Chinese-Taipei 28, CNMI 0

Chinese-Taipei continues to mow down its opponents with another shutout win over the hosts' Junior League team.

Liu Cheng Fu and Liu Ji Hong alternated on the mound for Chinese-Taipei, holding the CNMI to two hits while combining for four strikeouts and one walk.

The defending champion's pitching duo just forced the host team to hit fly balls and grounders that were fielded cleanly by their teammates.

Australia 11, Guam 3

Australia used a seven-run first inning barrage as enough cushion in keeping Guam winless after four games.

Michael Tovey drove in two runs with a double in the first inning, while Cayden Hancock went 3-for-4 with three runs and a double.

In other games, the CNMI was leading Guam, 5-4, in the top of fourth in their Big League match last night, while Chinese-Taipei was scheduled to face the Philippines in the final tiff of the day. Final results of neither match were unavailable at press time.

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Mia Carreon, Chloe Salvosa, De Jana Muna, Diana Maniacop, Elaine Enriquez, Jennifer Perena, Krizel Tuazon, Sara Allen, and Lalaine Pagarao—will go to Hong Kong on July 6.

"Last Monday, we trained at Kowloon Bay Park with other boys and one female player on their team. We trained under coach David (Tsui). We had two scrimmages, one with Chelsea U20 ladies after training with them last Friday. Last Sunday, we scrimmaged against the Chelsea parents," said Ito, who also joined the group's morning training session with Chelsea FC Soccer School (Hong Kong) technical director and former Hong Kong national player Leslie Santos.

"It the two days we were here, the weather was cold, but now it's been hot and humid, so we've been getting used to the heat. The girls are responding great at the training sessions. Chelsea Soccer School has been very helpful and accommodating. We've been using public transportation when we go from one place to another and we walk from the apartment to the 'blue pitch,'" Ito added.

The Northern Mariana Island Football Association-backed CNMI Women's All-Star Team needs all the training sessions and scrimmages it could get in Hong Kong as it is scheduled to play against three squads in the Luen Thai Cup that will run from July 7 to 9. The Commonwealth bets will first challenge a selection from Chelsea FC Soccer School at 8:30am on July 7 before colliding against South China Agricultural University Women's Football Club at 10:30am the following day. On July 9, the CNMI Women's All-Star Team will close out against Singapore National Women's A Team.

Meanwhile, the remaining members of the CNMI Women's All-Star Team are also training regularly at the Oleai Sports Complex Field under former Olympian and Chelsea FC Soccer School (Hong Kong) technical director Luam Ken Koo.

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Brake and Totland were in a same group that teed off at the back at 9:20am in Sunday's final round.

The CSU-Pueblo junior finished the tournament with a 4-over 75 for the 7-over 220. She opened the back with a 4-over 40 as a double bogey at No. 12, and bogeys at Nos. 14, 15, and 17 negated her birdie at the par-5 18th. Kim came charging back with an even par and a near bogey-free round at the front to earn a 35. She birdied No. 2 and bogeyed the par-4 No. 4.

A total of 57 female golfers from different NCAA Division I and II schools joined the tournament, organized by Lauren Judson in honor of her parents Jim and Beth, and hosted by 13-time LPGA Tour winner Rosie Jones.

ITF North Pacific Regional Championships 2015

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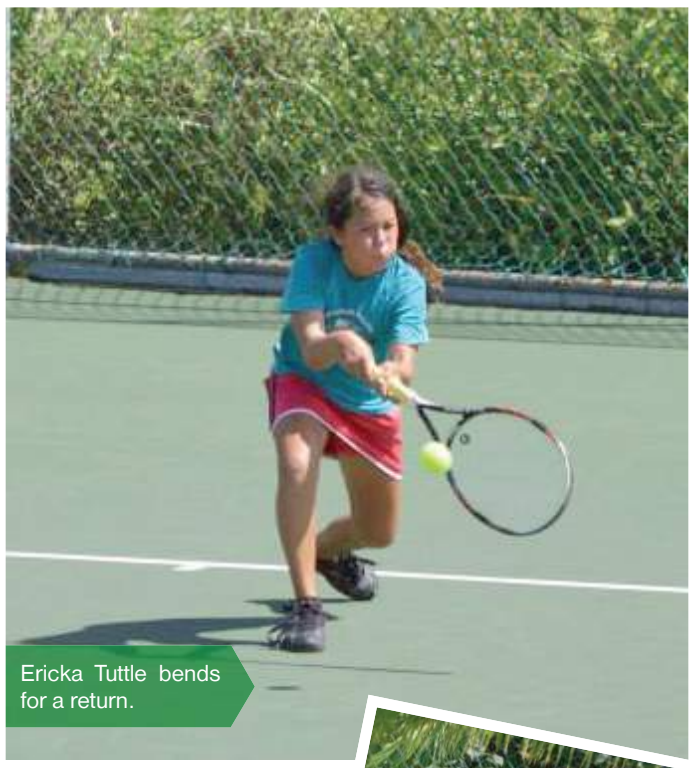
Conatsu Kaga serves to sister Coume during their girls U12 singles title match in the ITF North Pacific Regional Championships 2015 held last month in Guam.



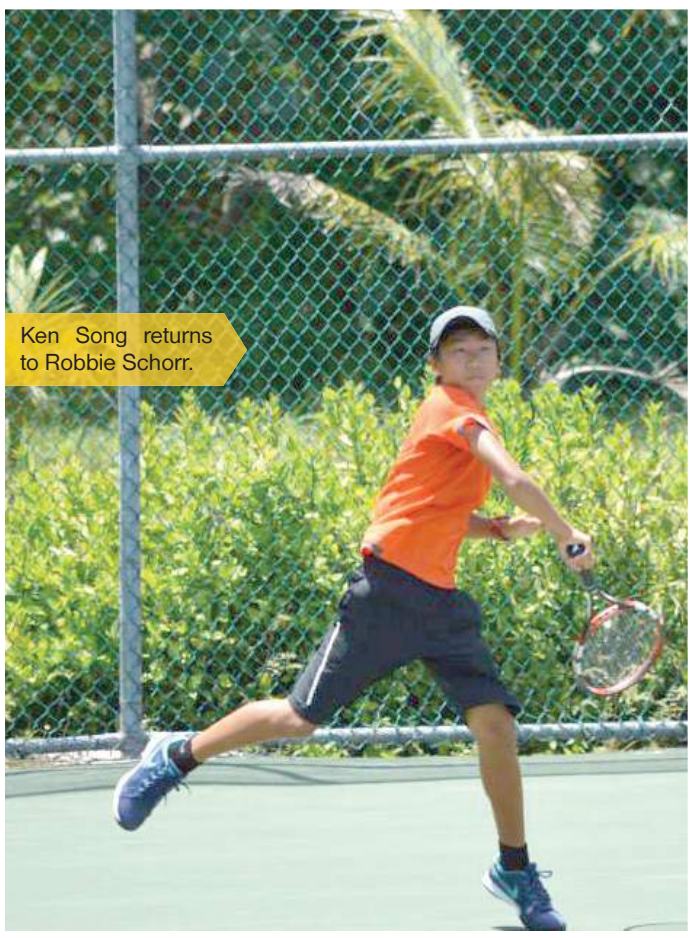
Ericka Tuttle bends for a return.

Seung Jin Paik gets ready to serve during a practice session.

From left, Ericka Tuttle, Tania Tan, and Seung Jin Paik wait for their turn to do drills during a practice season.

Ami Tsukagoshi makes a return from the backline.

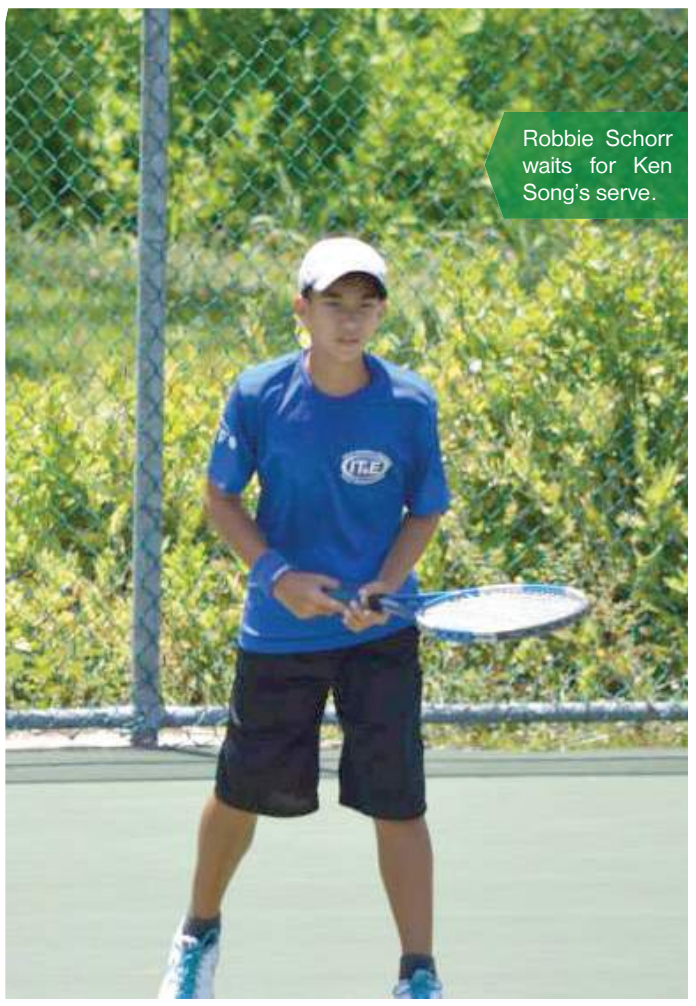
Ji Min Woo goes up for a smash.



Ken Song returns to Robbie Schorr.

Isabel Heras adjusts her hat during her girls U14 finals match against Ami Tsukagoshi.

Mimi Sakano waits for the ball.



Robbie Schorr waits for Ken Song's serve.

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NMI blanks Guam in Senior League

JON PEREZ

CNMI head coach Lawrence Camacho signals Roke Tenorio to run toward home in their Senior League game against Guam yesterday in the 2015 Asia Pacific Junior, Senior, and Big League Regional Baseball Tournament at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.

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Team CNMI remained undefeated in the Senior League division after completing a 4-0 shutout win over Guam in the 2015 Asia Pacific Junior, Senior, and Big League Regional Baseball Tournament yesterday at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.

The defending Asia Pacific champion scored three times in the top of the third inning with Craig Aguon adding one more run in the fourth before joining hands with Franco Nakamura in completing the shutout win.

Virgil Secharmidal, with one out after Aguon grounded out on a 5-3 play, doubled to left and reached third on a Roke Tenorio single. The CNMI catcher later scored on an error by Guam centerfielder Tino Muna, while Tenorio made it 2-0 on another miscue from their Southern island neighbors.

After Nakamura flied out to center, Henry Lizama drove in Nathan Camacho, who got on base with a single and

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CNMI players train with Chelsea coaches, team

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of the CNMI All-Star Team pose with Chelsea FC Soccer School (Hong Kong) technical director Leslie Santos, fifth left back row, and coach Jacky Lee, right back row, after a training session in Hong Kong last week.

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Nine members of the CNMI Women's All-Star Team had a fruitful first week in Hong Kong, training and having scrimmages with host Chelsea FC Soccer School.

"The training has been great. We've been having morning sessions with Chelsea coaches Jacky (Lee) and Taketomo (Suzuki) at the Chelsea Soccer School's 'blue pitch' and when we have afternoon sessions we train at different venues," player/manager Angie Ito said.

Joining Ito in Hong Kong are goalies Chevy Kate Alipio and Carla Ballesteros. Guinevere Borja, Lyka Sally, siblings Jeralyn and Jeraldine Castillo, Dianne Pablo, and Renita Fleming. The first batch of the CNMI Women's All-Star Team left for Hong Kong last June 22 to train and get ready for next week's Luen Thai Cup. The rest of the squad—Alexandria Vergara, Angelica

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Leina ends up 4th in Pro-Am tourney

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Saipan-born golfer Leina Kim ended up tied for fourth in the 2015 Judson Collegiate & Legends Pro-Am Challenge held over the weekend at the Country Club of Roswell at Club Springs Dr. in Roswell, Georgia.

Kim tallied at three-round total of 7-over 220 at the par-71 layout to join Emily McKlennan of University of Tennessee-Chatanooga at fourth. They were four shots back from champion Taylor Totland. Totland, the Furman University standout, shot a 3-over 216 to clinch the 2015 title. She was three-strokes ahead of North Carolina State's Sarah Bae, who fired a 2-over 73 for a second best 4-over 216. University of Florida's Sydney Needham came in at third with a closing 3-over 74 for a three-day haul of 5-over 218.

Jessica Haigwood of Georgia Regents University-Augusta failed to defend her title as she only managed a sixth place finish and tied Auburn University's Kelli Murphy and Payton Schanen of Mercer University. The trio came up with similar scores of 8-over 221.

Kim had a strong start at the 4,873-yard course, co-designed by Randy Nicholls and D.J. DeVictor, shooting a 4-under 67 to grab the opening-round lead. She and Zoe Brake of Ohio State University were the only ones who had under-par first round after the latter came up with a 3-under 68.

The Colorado State University-Pueblo bet, however, slowed down after that and limped with a 7-over 78 in the second round to drop to a tie for fourth place with Brake and Totland. Kim,

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CSU-PUEBLO WEBSITE

CNMI standout Leina Kim, seen here going for a follow through in her swing, finished tied for fourth place in the 2015 Judson Collegiate & Legends Pro-Am Challenge held over the weekend at Country Club of Roswell at Club Springs Dr. in Roswell, Georgia.